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Production of Caprolactam

- 1. Caprolactam was produced by a chemical plant at Zilina /A913N-1844E/, Slovakia. The basic raw material for its production was phenol (C6H50H), which was reduced to cyclohexanol, this being converted into cyclohexanone by oxidation. Cyclohexanone was converted into the oxime by treatment with hydroxylamine. The oxime was subsequently made to undergo the Bechmann transformation by treatment with sulphuric acid, which converted it into caprolactam (CH2-CH2-CH2-CH2-CNH).
- 2. This caprolactam was shipped from Zilina to the Silon Plant in Plana nad Luznici /492N-1442E/ either in crystalline form (usually called "lactam salt" although this name is chemically incorrect) which was transported in aluminum containers, or as a 70% solution in distilled water, shipped in rustproof, mostly aluminum coated tank cars. Crystalline caprolactam was also supplied by the USSR packed in rubber bags.

Production of Σ-caprolactam Polyamide Yarm, Called Silon /References are to Enclosure C, Points #1-50./

3. Liquid caprolactam was stored in a large underground tank with a capacity of 100 cubic meters /Point #2/ into which it flowed from the railroad tank by gravity; the space within which this tank was placed was heated by warm air during winter. The liquid in the tank was circulated continually by a centrifugal pump in order to avoid crystallization.

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- 4. Caprolactam in solid form ("lactam salt") was stored in the basement of the plant in a rather cool and dark storage room to prevent loss in quality.
- 5. Liquid caprolactam, prior to being processed, must be checked for the exact composition of the solution (70%). In case of error the solution was conducted into a dissolving vessel /Foint #67 and heated to a temperature of 80°C (176°P). If the concentration was found to be too high, distilled water / Eassured at Foint #117 was added and the whole was thoroughly mixed. If the concentration was too low, some caprolactam was weighed on scales /Foint #47 and conveyed to the dissolving vessel /Foint #67 by a conveyor /Foint #57. In addition, some activating and stabilizing agent was added to render polymerization easier and control melecular weight and viscosity of the polymer (one of these agents was \(\Sigma \)-aminocaprylic acid -- NH_(CH_0)_COOH -- added at a ratio of one per cent). The liquid was subsequently mixed by means of a blade propeller and once more checked for proper concentration. Afterwards it was led into a homogenizer /Foint #77 employing a blade propeller. From here a centrifugal pump /Foint #87 fed the liquid caprolactam to an elevated tank /Foint #97 as often as needed, automatic operation of the system being arranged by means of a float. From here, the caprolactam flowed on by gravity until reaching the evaporation tubes of the polymerization chambers. On the way it was subjected to three thorough filtrations. First it passed through two filters /Snown at Point #12/ arranged in such a manner that one of them could remain in operation when the other had to be cleaned. Next to these filters there were two more homogenizers /Foint #13/. A caprolactam distributing pipeline was located below, extending from one end of the building to the other, to feed separate polymerization "units". Each "unit" comprised four polymerization stations, each of which consisted of eight chambers. From the distributing line, caprolactam was supplied to a measuring and storing tank /Foint #15/ was installed below; from there on the pipeline divided into four branch lines, each of them leading to a set of polymerizat
- The liquid caprolactam was then fed to the polymerization chambers /Foint #177. First the water was evaporated in evaporating devices, one of which was fixed on top of each chamber. The vapors were led to a condenser /Foint #207 which was cooled by raw industrial water. The distillate, which contained about one per cent of monomer, was led to an accumulation tank /Foint #107. Polymerization chambers utilized low-frequency induction heating to 267°C (514.4°F) at which temperature polymerization of caprolactam took place gradually. Polymerization was essentially an infinitely proceeding intermolecular union: caprolactam molecules were opened up by the water present to unite into larger molecules, thus gradually forming dimer, trimer, tetramer, etc., until long chains of high polyamides were obtained. The chemical formula of caprolactam polymer was H-/NH-(CH₂)₅CO7 -OH. The entire process usually took about 12 hours time. The not polymer was pressed through a filter by means of gear pumps and extruded through nozzles /Foint #187 into conditioned air of normal pressure, whereupon solidification occurred.
- 7. At the following stage the fiber thus obtained was subjected to a very important procedure, the so-called "cold drawing" or "stretching", whereby the molecules of the polymer were aligned and interlinked, thus securing high tensile strength in the yarn. Silon had a tensile strength of approximately five to six grams/denier, this load causing

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an extension of 20 to 25%. A spinning-and-stretching machine picked up the extruded yarn from the nozzle at a speed of 250 m. per minute and applied a special emulsion on it.

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it was employed to reduce the electrostatic charge on the fiber.) The yarn was stretched between an upright and an inclined roll /Foint #25/ and a duralumin spinning spool /Foint #26/, which operated at a speed of 1,000 to 1,250 m. per minute. The molten caprolactam extruded through the nozzle contained up to seven per cent monomer which had to be removed from the spun yarn by elution with warm water. This was achieved by means of a pressure washing machine /Foint #14/, which reduced the monomer content to about one per cent. After washing, the spooled yarn was usually allowed to dry out to some extent overnight before being processed further.

- 8. A special washing-water system was set up to serve the washing machines. It consisted of an underground used-water tank / Point #347 from which the used water, which still had a temperature of about 50°C (122°F), was pumped by means of a centrifugal pump / Foint #377 to the elevated water-heater / Foint #337, where its temperature was raised to 80°C (176°F) by means of a steam heating coil. The washing water circulated steadily. As the monomer content in the water must not be allowed to exceed five per cant, a central quantity of water was continually drained off by a valve / Foint #357 and led into a concrete used-water vessel / Point #367. It was replaced by an equal quantity of fresh warm water supplied from the water heater / Foint #327.
- 9. It was intended to install an evaporating column /In area shown at Point #497 to extract the caprolactam diluted in the washing water. The Skoda Works at Hradec Kralove /5013N-1550E/ have been given a preliminary order to develop such an evaporation unit. This order has been assigned to Ing. (fnu) BALAJKA. It was intended that the first unit be small and operate on a trial basis. If it should prove to work economically, a larger unit will probably be installed later.
- 10. The advantages of the centrifugal washing and extracting machines were that they could easily be operated by female labor and that so much of the water could be removed from the yarn that the eluted yarn, wound onto spinning spools, could undergo further processing on twisting machines without delay. As a matter of fact, the remaining water could be dried out during twisting to approximately 4.5%, a figure which represents the usual percentage permitted.
- 11. The twisting department of the Silon Plant used two kinds of twisting machines.
 - a. The first kind were conventional twisters Point #387 which took up the yarn from spinning spools, twisted and emulsified it, wound it onto short twisting spools, and finally coned it on "coners" to so-called "pineapple packages", which are standard in the textile industry. Standard conical paper bobbins, 3030' x 176 mm.--6" traverse, had been used for these packages, but had to be replaced by special reinforced bobbins of five millimeter thickness to match the heavy pressure of silon yarn. The heavy pressure of silon yarn was due to its strong tendency to contract.
 - installed. These machines had been developed at the engineering department of the Silon Plant and built by a plant (the former Zima firm) at Opocno /5016N-1607E/. These machines /Foint #40/twisted the yarn, applied the emulsion to it, and wound it onto pineapple cones so that any separate coning was eliminated. A total of 65 machines was ordered from the factory at Opocno. The special emulsion which was applied to the yarn was stored in a

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tank /Point #447 which supplied it to spinning machines, twisters, and coners. The yarn, twisted on these up-twister coners, was originally coned on standard reinforced paper bobbins 3°30' x 170 mm. - 6" traverse, with a cone basis of 45 mm. in diameter. Bobbins of a larger diameter -- 80 mm. -- were later developed by the paper goods factory in Tabor /4925N-1440E7. A certain number of wooden spools of the same size as the original bobbins were atill in temporary use in the Summer of 1952.

- 12. The finished product was checked, sorted, packed in paper and wooden boxes, and stored in the basement of the plant /Foint #427.
- 13. Production at the Silon Plant started only in January 1951, and only the following yarn sizes were being made there as of Summer 1952:
 - a. 40 den. -- 12 filaments, 100 twists per meter;

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- b. 60 den. -- 16 filaments, 100 twists per meter.
- c. 120 den. -- 24 filaments, 100 twists per meter;
- d. 240 den. -- 32 filaments, 100 twists per meter.

The production of 60 den. yarn, at a speed of 1,000 m. per minute, required approximately 0.39 kg. of polymer per hour.

- 14. The plant possessed a water purifying installation /Foint #287 which filtered raw industrial water and removed ferrous and mineral admixtures. The purified water was collected in an underground concrete basin /Foint #307, from where it was forced by a centrifugal pump /Foint #297 to an elevated tank /Foint #317 which supplied it to the water heater /Foint #327, to the emulsion-preparation tank /Foint #447, and to laboratories.
- 15. In addition, a tank filled with raw industrial water /Foint #217 was located in the superstructure (fourth floor) of the factory building, supplying the necessary cooling water to condensors /Foint #207, from where it was led back to an underground tank /Foint #227. The water accumulated here could be used again, being forced into an ascending pipe line by a centrifugal pump /Foint #237.
- 16. A steam line of two atmospheres pressure (guage) was fitted to a tank /Foint #67 and to the water heaters /Foints #32 and 337. The condensed steam from the tank /Foint #67 and from all air-conditioned units and heating radiators was collected in a tank /Foint #467 and reconducted to the boiler house.
- 17. The water vapors that were condensed in the condensor Point #207 and collected in a tank Point #107 were occasionally used for diluting caprolactam "salt". The tank Point #107 was provided with an overflow from which a pipeline extension Point #507 led to a collecting tank Point #477 and a centrifugal pump Point #487. This condensed water contained about one per cent caprolactam monomer or dimer, which was worth recovery and utilization. A glass pipeline led from the pump to a railroad spur where railroad tank cars were unloaded. After the caprolactam was unloaded, the condensed water was put in the tank cars, which were then returned to Zilina. There the water was used for diluting new caprolactam to be dispatched to the Silon Plant.

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Uninterrupted Polymerization Process in Individual Chambers /References are to Enclosures C and D, Points #52 to 78./

- 18. The most important features of the polymerization process were as follows:
 - a. Automatic caprolactam supply by means of vapor pressure;
 - b. Low frequency induction heating; this was not resistance heating. The winding was of enamelled copper wire without any external thermal insulation. When in operation, the winding might be touched with the bare hand without danger. The power consumption for one chamber was about 1.6 1.8 kw., depending upon the effectiveness of the insulation.
 - A system of inner partitions with the aim to prevent nonpolymerized caprolactam from mixing with polymers;
 - d. A combination of two gear pumps, driven by one shaft, with an automatic weight valve in the by-pass which ensured a constant pressure on the polymer being extruded through the nozzle.
- The evaporating tube /Foint #197 consisted of a head piece 19. /Foint #62/ with a glass dome /Foint #64/ on top. A slotted tube /Foint #63/ with an orifice at its lower end was screwed into the head piece and a long tube with some kind of cylindrical bell /Foint #51/ was flanged in its lower part. Around this long tube a mantle formed an airtight compartment which communicated with the main space of the chamber by means of openings in the flanged portion. The evaporating tube was fastened to the 11d by means of its flange, thus tightly closing the insert /Foint #52, Encl. D, Item b/. It is evident that the insert /Point #52/, which was fastened to the chamber in its lower part by means of a screw /not shown in the sketch had a chance to expand to some extent. This was important, inasmuch as the chamber was made of a cold-drawn steel tube, while the insert was of aluminum, and these materials have quite different coefficients of heat expansion. The evaporation tube worked as follows: Let us suppose the level of caprolactam is below the rim of the bell. In this case the water vapors, differing throughout the whole space, have a chance to enter freely the condensation device /Foint #20/ through a neck filled with small hollow aluminum cylinders Foint #597 (Raschig type rings), which condense caprolactam vapors but not water vapors. The static pressure in the inner part is reduced to some 15 mm. water column. Inasmuch as the static pressure of the caprolactam as mentioned above, is 35 mm. water column, the caprolactam starts flowing into the hot caprolactam level. This causes the water to evaporate rapidly, continuing until the level of caprolactam reaches the rim and closes the bell. Afterwards the existing vapors fill the inner part of the evaporation tube and drive the caprolactam out of the bell /Foint #517, until the level in the insert falls below the rim of the bell. A glass-covered level indicator /Foint #587, connected with a float /Foint #567, was installed on the upper lid of the chamber to facilitate inspection and checking of the automatic mechanism.
- 20. The polymerization chamber consisted of an iron tube /Point #17/ with upper and lower flanges, and a cross-member /Point #80/ in its lower part. Two brackets /Point #67/ were welded to its outer wall. Thermal insulation /Point #65/ surrounded the chamber, and low frequency wiring /Point #66/ was wound around this outer wall. The circuit thus formed was supplied with ordinary A.C. of 220/380 V and 50 cycles. The induction current thus originating created the necessary heat of 268°C (514.4°F) on the inner steel tube.

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As a result of evaporation, the upper level of the caprolactam in the chamber usually had a temperature of only 240°C (464°F). To maintain the required temperature of 268°C, "drop-type" regulators, a product were used; their principle was 25X1 based on a vertically mobile anchor which by dropping interrupted the electric current. The regulator was activated by low currents produced by bimetallic thermoelements arranged in three horizontal layers in the lower part of the heat indicator Foint #577.

- 21. To set up a continuous process of polymerization of caprolactam it is extremely important to prevent new incoming liquid caprolactam from mixing with gradually forming polymers. Caprolactam has a strong tendency to penetrate polymerized layers, thus causing the polymer to be heterogeneous. To overcome this difficulty, a system of inner partitions was developed which proved to work well, so that the regular structure of the polymer, and consequently its quality, greatly improved. The new system worked as follows: By inserting a narrow tube /Foint #55a/ into a wider tube /Foint #55b/ which was closed at its lower end, caprolactam was actually sealed off from the polymer. Two spirals, a left-turning spiral and a right-turning one /Foints #53 and 54/ prolonged the process of polymerization, thus minimizing the amount of penetrating caprolactam monomer.
- 22. In order to prevent the polymer from flowing out of the polymerization chamber, a hand-operated cock /Foint #697 was used. The cock was part of a separate block screwed onto the bottom of the cross-member. To this block a rectangular gear pump /foint #187 was attached, on the left side of which was a smaller pump of 1.2 cubic centimeters capacity per revolution /Foint #784 -- and on the right side a larger one of 2.4 cubb estimates establish per revolution /Foint 7897. Both pumps were connected by a common drive shaft /Foint #797. In practice the speed of this shaft was 7½ rpm for 40 denier yarn, and 12 rpm for 60 denier yarn. This system of two pumps working in tandem was adopted to obtain an even size of the yarn. Furthermore, an automatic valve /Foint #707 was developed, regulating by weight the pressure of the polymer between the two pumps so that a constant pressure of about 20 atmospheres (guage) could be maintained. The polymer, supplied in exactly calibrated quantity by the pump /Foint #188/, was led through a filter /Foint #727, the diameter of each orifice being .4 mm., that of the nozzle 59 mm. After passing the nozzle, the extruded filaments entered the air-conditioned space of a tube /Foint #747 where they solidified and slowly descended. To keep the polymer in best condition for spinning, a heating jacket /Foint #711 surrounded the filter /Foint #727 were fitted together telescopically. The whole installation was operated from the platform /Foint #777. During the spinning process considerable amounts of monomer vapors formed around the nozzle, which were condensed by action of moist air admitted gently by tube /Foint #757. Condensation took place on the cooler walls of the tube /Foint #757 whereupon the monomer containing condensate collected on the lower rim and flowed to a collecting pot through the pipe /Foint #767.

Spinning and Stretching of Silon /References are to Enclosures C and E, Points #81 to 108.7

23. The filaments descending slowly from the nozzle were collected in a trough /Point #86/ of the spinning-and-stretching machine /Point #24/ located beneath the polymerization chamber. The machine operator picked up the end and wound it around the rotating spool /Point #26/, holding the yarn with his left hand by means of a wire hook near the roll /Point #25/. Subsequently he inserted the yarn into the hook /Point #83/ and into the traversing lever (krizovaci rameno)/Point #81/.

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In order to put the stretching mechanism into action, he picked up the yarn -- running at full speed already -- with a "pigtail" (vodici ocko), which he held in his right hand, and wound the yarn around the stretching mechanism /Foints #25 to 817 about three to five times. Immediately afterwards a fully stretched yarn began to wind onto the spool /Foint #267. Then a revolver /Foint #1087 was turned 180° to allow the stretched yarn to be wound onto a new spool while the yarn on the first spool was cut off as waste. The stretching roll /Foint #257 and the spool /Foint #267 were driven by an endless belt /Foint #82/ as is usual on twisting machines. The machine just described /See Encl. E, Item a/ was in use on a large scale. Some disadvantages of the principle it employs were discovered rather early. If the yarn is wound onto the spinning spool under full drawing tension, much trouble in further processing results through breakage of individual filaments. Further, if the yarn is wound onto the spool without initial twists, the twisting department can find all the broken ends on the spool only with difficulty.

- 24. Consequently, a new principle /shown on Encl. E, Item b/ was applied, and a new type of machine, called a pot spinning machine, was developed and partially tried out. This machine consists of two electric spinning motors /Foint #87/ mounted on revolving arms; each of these motors carries a centrifugal spinning pot /Foint #88/ of the type used with viscose spinning machines. The yarn is led in and traversed by means of a tube /Foint #89/ through which warm water is flowing. The warm water enables the yarn to enter the pot and simultaneously elutes any remaining monomer. The pots revolve at a speed of 10,000 rpm. At a spinning speed of 1,000 m. per minute the yarn may be given 10 initial twists per meter. It is intended to place sets of stretching rolls /Foints #90 and 91/ and emulsion rolls /Foint #92/ in the upper part of this spinning unit. The stretching rolls are to be on top and still in reach of the operator. So far, pot spinning of silon yarn as a separate operation has proven to be successful. The next task would be to combine the stretching and spinning mechanisms and to test this combination.
- 25. It was also intended to try out the principle of cap spinning, and therefore the construction of an experimental cap spinning unit was included in the program of engineering research. Some restricted but quite promising research work on cap spinning was done in 1947, but had to be given up because of lack of personnel. The cap spinning principle /as shown in Encl. E, Item c/ has a great advantage: By means of a cap the yarn can be wound onto the spool with very little initial tension, regardless of its traveling speed.
- 26. The traversing eccentric /Point #98/ was mounted vertically in the frame /Point #97/ on a stationary rod. On top of this was fixed a double-arm revolving head with two possible stopping positions /Point #99/. A vertically movable traversing rod /Point #103/ was inserted into a long sleeve on which was mounted an easily turning bearing sleeve with a driving pulley and centering rings which were to carry the spool /Point #100/. A spinning cap /Point #101/ was fixed on a rod /Point #103/ above the spool as usual in cap spinning machinery. The rod /Point #103/ was set in vertical motion by means of an eccentric /Point #98/ and this motion was transferred to the cap /Point #101/, the lower rim of which conducted the yarn to the spool. The pigtail /Point #104/ had to be exactly centered in this case. A stretching mechanism /Points #105 and 106/ with sizing rolls /Point #107/ may be mounted on top, depending upon the results of the trial operation.

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Monomer Eluting Machines

- 27. The eluting machine shown in principle in Encl. F, Item a7 consisted of a large chamber Point #41 made of galvanized sheet steel. Inside, on a horizontal foundation, a water distribution grid Point #111 was mounted with vertical tube extensions for each set of spools. The spools Point #26 were piled to the full height of the chamber and firmly screwed to the grid. Water is then led in through a pipeline Point #116 and heated to approximately 176 by steam supplied directly from the line Point #115. Subsequently the lid of the chamber Point #1127 was closed and the centrifugal pump Point #1137 was set in operation. Elution required about four hours per cycle, including the time needed for removing the eluted spools and replacing them with spools to be eluted. The water was discharged after use into a waste disposal system through a large valve
- 28. The experimental eluting machine /shown in Encl F, Item b/ employed a centrifugal principle. On a longitudinal frame /Foint #27/ a row of heavy-type roller-bearing spindles /Foint #118/ were mounted and rotated separately by belt-driven pulleys /Foint #120/. Perforated spinning caps /Foint #121/ were centered on the spindles and maintained in position by the upper cone-shaped lids /Foint #122/ which were provided with water passages. Water was injected by jets /Foint #129/ centered in these lids. Each spindle was fitted into a cylindrical mantle /Foint #119/ with drainage to a central pipe /Foint #123/. Washing-water was led in from the pipeline /Foint #124/ through a valve /Foint #125/ and a flexible pipe /Foint #128/ attached to the jet /Foint #129/. When closed, water was fed at a rate of approximately three liters per minute. Machines of this type were tested extensively and found to be correct in principle but difficulties occurred with unbalanced spools.

Twisting Machinery References are to Enclosures C, G, and H.7

- 29. Ten ordinary twisters /as shown in Encl. G, Item a/ have been used at the Silon Plant in Plana. These twisters were originally delivered as silk and rayon twisting machines, producing cylindrical headless packages, and had to be modified for silon production by being adjusted for perforated spools /Foint #133/ of 90 x 125 mm. and equipped with a so-called "pineapple attachment" /Foints #136 to 138/. The truncated cone-shaped ends of pineapple packages were produced by a special mechanism which consisted of a turnable guide /Foint #135/ directed by a bar /Foint #137/ which acted on a crank /Foint #138/. The bar had a short mobility to the left and right sides in relation to the main traverse motion of the bar /Foint #136/ in such a manner that the guide /Foint #135/ turned through a certain angle /see Encl. G, Item c/ in a clockwise direction while in its left-hand position and counter-clockwise while in its right hand position. The guide being fixed /as shown in Encl. G, Item c/, it was possible by means of this arrangement to form a pineapple package on each individual spool in spite of the fact that there was only one directing mechanism for the whole row.
- 30. Twisters of the "Parcofil" type /as shown in Encl. G, Item b7 which take the yarn from cylindrical spools and work it up into pineapple packages, were part of the standard equipment of the Silon Plant. The paper bobbins were fastened by a two-armed clamp /Points #144 and 1457, which could be opened by putting it into an upward position. As apparent from the sketch, the yarn, as it is spooled by this type of machine, does not come into contact with anything but the guide /Foint #1477. The conical bobbins were driven here by spur gears (celni ozubene kolo) /Foints #141 and 1427. A specially designed

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eccentric drive ensured that a higher speed was achieved in a lefthand position of the guide and a lower speed in its right-hand position in precise accordance with the actual circumference of the cone, so that a constant speed, and consequently a uniform twist of the yara, was obtained.

- 31. The design of a new type of twister machine was being prepared by the engineering research department with the final goal of overcoming the difficulties caused by central doffing. With the new type /Encl. G, Item c/, the conical 3°30' x 170 mm. bobbins will be driven by friction with the aid of conical driving drums /Foint #151b/ which will be equipped with a turnable guiding mechanism /Foints #153 to 157//as described in paragraph 29 above/, an elimitic gear drive acts on a shaft /Foint #151a/ in such a manner that this shaft is given a higher revolving speed when the mobile traversing bar /Foint #153/ common for the whole row of bobbins is in a left-hand position, and a lower speed when it is in a right-hand position. This way the yarn will be given a constant traveling speed and twist throughout the package, and individual doffing will also be possible.
- 32. Coners were still in use at the Silon Plant in connection with twisters of the type shown in Enclosure H, Item a. It is probable that a certain number of coners will also be used in the future even if the whole production is carried cut by twister-coners /Encl. H, Item b/. They will be necessary for an occasional rewinding or if the customer should require a special sizing. Standard coners 25X1 with pineapple attachments /as shown in Encl. H, Item a/ are used. This type is quite suitable for the coning of synthetic yarns because it gives the yarn an upright travel without sharp bends so that it can be coned with the least possible tension, and the right permanent shape is achieved with no underwinding.
- 33. When Dr. (fnu) KARNY, former general manager of the nationalized chemical industry of Czechoslovakia, visited the Silon Plant at the beginning of 1951, he laid down the general directions for building up this new industry and said: "This will be a chemical plant and therefore textile operations will be limited to the smallest possible extent. Consequently yarns of any kind and size will be twisted here only up to a maximum of 100 twists per meter." Following this order a new type of high-speed twister-coner /as shown in Encl. H, Item by was developed by the chief of production, Emil NEMEC. This type will be capable of twisting yarn at a speed of 250 m. per minute and imparting 40 twists per meter. A one-spindle coning machine, already built and tried, proved to work perfectly. The design of an 8 to 16 spindle machine by the Engineering Research Department was scheduled for 1952/1953.
- 34. The new type /Encl. H, Item b/, is based on the ordinary coner, but its frame /Point #39/ will have to be prolonged to allow more space for the twisting spindles and the sizing roll system /Point #166/. The arrangement of the spindle rail at the base and the drive of the twisting spindles by a system which consists of a driving pulley /Point #172/, a tension sheave /Point #173/, and a spindle pulley /Point #174/ with foot brake /Point #175/, is well solved from an engineering standpoint, because this arrangement minimizes vibration. As is easily apparent on standard coners, the "constant drive" is not yet really constant and further development will be necessary. As a matter of fact, action of elliptic or eccentric driving spur gears on the main spindle shaft /Point #176/, synchronized with the camshaft /Point #164/, will solve in a satisfactory manner the problem of a fully constant traveling speed of yarn in coning machinery.

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Enclosures:

- A. Area of Sezimovo Usti and Plana nad Luznici
- B. The Kovosvit Plant
- C. Flow Chart of Production of Synthetic -Caprolactam Polyamide Silon Yarn
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- H. Silon Coner and High-Speed Twister-Coner

Enclosures A and B and legends to Enclosures A through H form pages 11 through 20 of this report. Enclosures C through H accompany the report.

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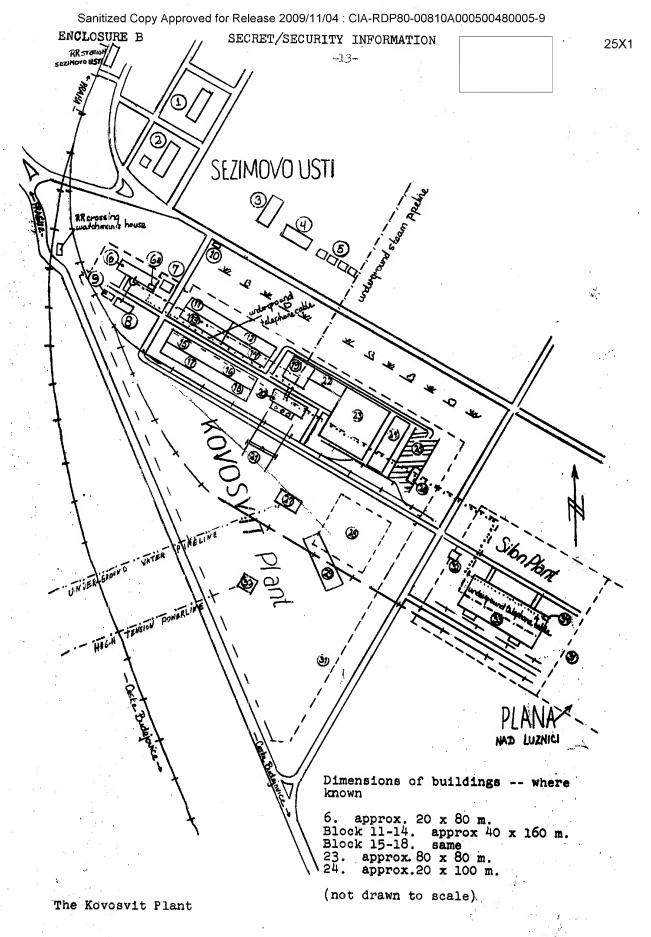
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Legend

- Late President Benes' estate and SNB station
- Home of Minister Zdenek Fierlinger
- Homes for Silon workers
- Stadion (sporting ground and swimming pool)
- High tension line
- Water pumping station
- Highway transferred to other side of RR Water filtering station
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- Transformer station
- 10. Kovosvit Plant
- 11. Silon Plant
- 12.
- Kovosvit workers settlement Kovosvit workers' housing development 13. Kovosvit 14. Airfield
- 15. Projected roads

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ENCLOSURE B (Cont'd) SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

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- 1. Dormitory for apprentices
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 3. Administration building o

- Administration building of OSSZ New apartment houses for Kovosvit workers
- Workers' housing development
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 - 6. Administration building
 - 6a. Communications center
 - 7. Main entrance and guard house 8. Cafeteria

 - 9. Garages

 - 10. Gas filling station 11-15, 17. Production halls 16, 18. Foundries

 - 19. Steel hardening and tempering department
 - 20. Power Plant
 - 21. Overhead traveling crane
 - 22.
 - Tool plant Newly built hall 23. 24.
 - Storehouse
 - 25.
 - Lumber yard Lumber shed 26.
 - Water filtering station
 - 27. 28. Proposed location of new foundry
 - Temporary plumbing material warehouse
 - Transformer station 30.
 - Wire fence
- 31-34; Silon Plant
 - Wire fence
 - 31. 32. Factory guard house
 - 33. Silon pilot plant
 - Telephone center

ENCLOSURE C (Cont'd)

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Legend

- Liquid caprolactam arriving
- Caprolactam storage tank
- 3. Solid caprolactam arriving
- Scale
- 5. 6. Conveyor
- Caprolactam dissolving vessel
- Homogenizer
- 7. 8. Centrifugal pump
- Elevated tank 9.
- 10. Accumulation tank
- 11. Measuring apparatus
- 12. First filtration point
- Homogenizers
- Measuring and storing tank
- Second filtration point
- 16. Third filtration point with valve
- 17. Polymerization chambers
- 18. Gear pump block and nozzle
- 19. Water evaporation tube
- 20. Condenser
- 21. Elevated raw water tank
- 22. Underground raw water tank
- Centrifugal pump 23.
- 24. Spinning-and-stretching machinery
- Stretching rolls
- 26. Rotating spinning spool
- 27. Centrifugal eluting machine
- Water purifying installation Centrifugal pump 28.
- 29.
- 30. Concrete basin
- 31. Elevated tank
- 32. Water heater
- 337. Elevated tank
- Used-water tank
- Valve
- Concrete used-water tank
- Centrifugal pump
- Conventional twister
- Coning machine with pineapple attachment New type of twister
- 41. Pressure washing machine
- 42. Sorting and packing department
- 43. Dispatch
- Emulsion preparation tank
- 45. End product (pineapple cones)
- 46. Collecting tank
- Collecting tank
- 48. Centrifugal pump
- 49. Evaporating column
- 50. Pipeline extension to collecting tank (Point #47)

ENCLOSURE D (Cont'd)

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Legend (Numbers below 51 to be looked up in legend to Enclosure C)

- 51. Tube with bell
- 52. Aluminum insert
 53. Right-turning spiral
 54. Left-turning spiral
 55. Separating tubes (a s
 56. Float
- Separating tubes (a and b)
- Heat indicator
- Glass cover of level indicator Packing of aluminum cylinders
- 59. Packing or armanded for Flow regulating valve

- 62. Head piece
- Slotted tube
- 63. 64. Glass dome
- 65. Thermal insulation
- Low frequency heating 66.
- Brackets
- 67. 68. Fastening lugs
- 69. Cock
- 70. Automatic valve
- 71. Heating collar
- 72. Filter
- 73. 74. Nozzle
- Filament cooling tube Air-conditioning tube
- Monomer condensing pipe
- Operation platform Gear pumps (a and b) Gear pump drive Gross member
- 79. 80.

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Legen (Numb	nd oers between 1 and 50 to be looked up in legend to Enclosure C)	
88888888999999999999999999999999999999	Spinning pot Elution tube Stretching rolls	
102.	Spinning spools Traversing rod	
104.	Pigtail Lower stretching rolls	
106.	Upper stretching rolls	
	Sizing rolls Revolver	

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Legend (Numbers from 1 to 50 to be looked up in legend to Enclosure C)

- 111. Water distribution grate
- 112. Lid

- 112. Eld
 113. Centrifugal water pump
 114. Discharging valve
 115. Steam pipe with valve
 116. Water pipe line with valve
 117. Hook of traveling crane (DEMAG type)
 118. Roll-bearing spindles
 119. Mantle
- 119. Mantle
- 120. Driving pulleys
 121. Centered perforated cap
- 122. Lid
- 123. Drainage 124. Eluting water tube
- 125. Valve 126. Valve opener
- 127. Lid-and-valve opening lever 128. Flexible pipe
- 129. Jet

ENCLOSURE G (Cont'd)

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Legend

(Numbers from 1 to 50 to be looked up in legend to Enclosure C)

- 132. Driving drum
- 132. Driving drum
 133. Perforated spools
 134. Spool holder
 135. Traversing guide
 136. Traversing bar
 137. Inclining bar
 138. Thelining crank
 139. Sizing device

- 139. Sizing device
- 140. Pigtail
- 141. Driving spur gear 142. Driving spur gear 143. Bearing 144. Two-armed clamp

- 145. 146. Two-armed clamp
- Traversing rod
- 147. 148. Yarn guide Roll-bearing spindle
- 149. 150.
- 15la Shaft
- 151b Conical driving drums
- Holder
- Traversing bar
- 152. 153. 154. Inclined bearing
- 155. Thread guide with crank
- 156. 157. Eyelet
- Auxiliary bar

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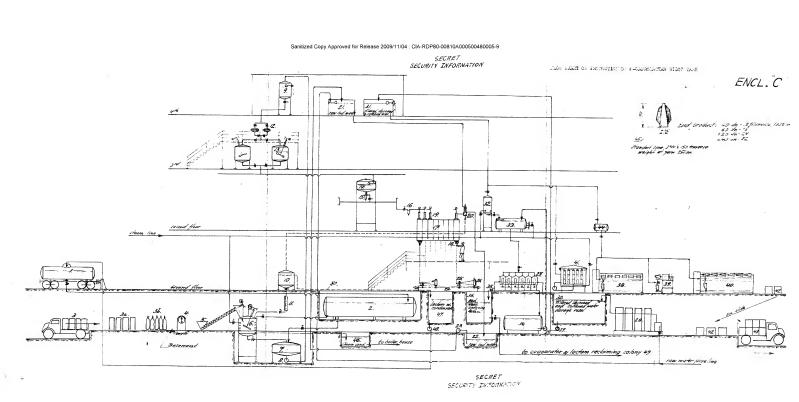
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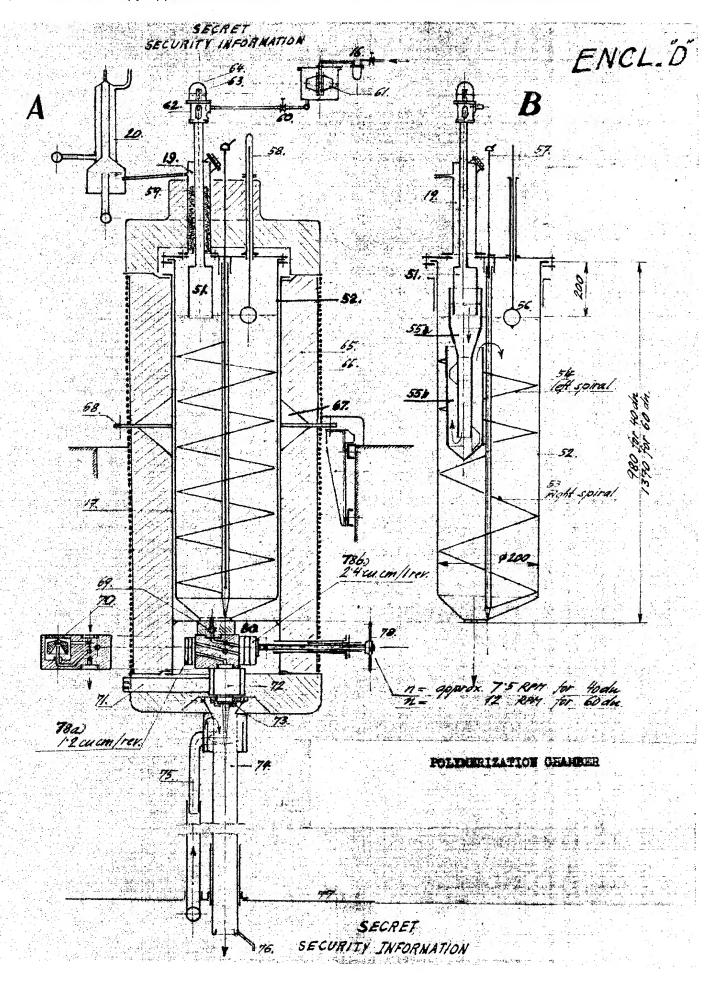
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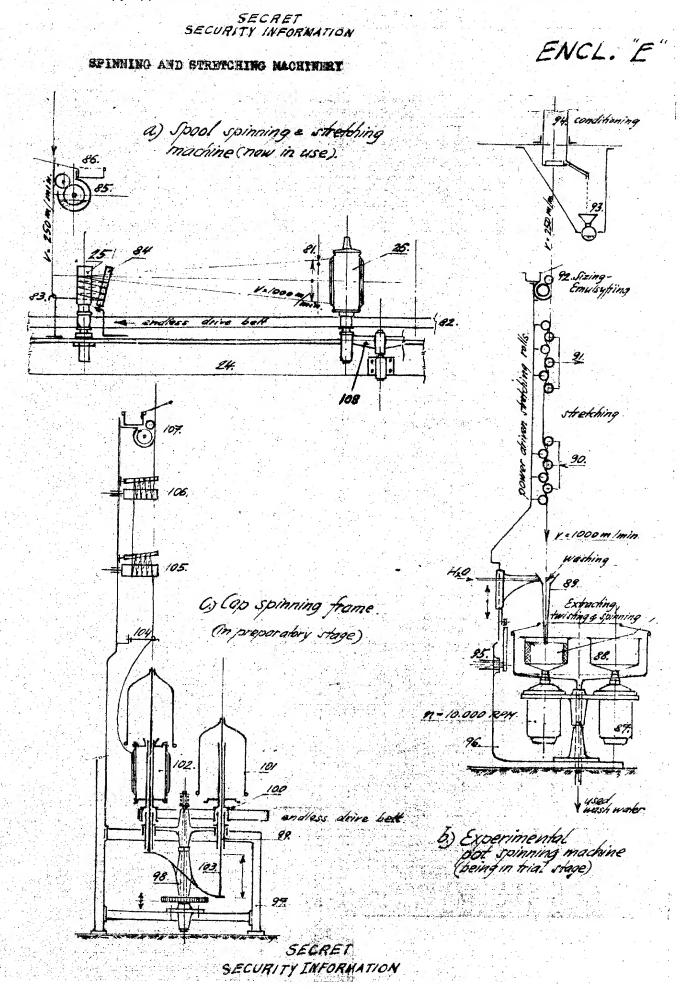
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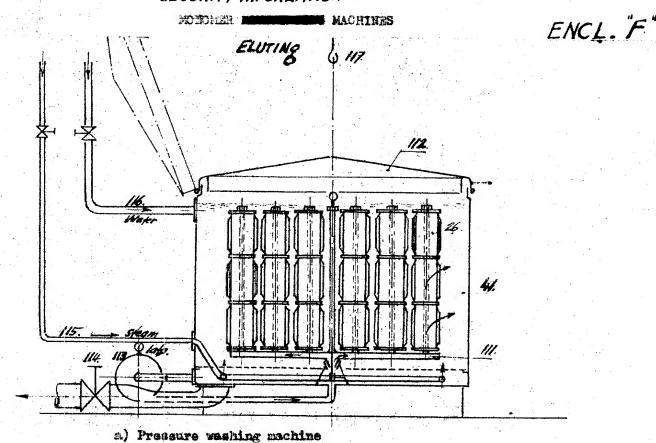
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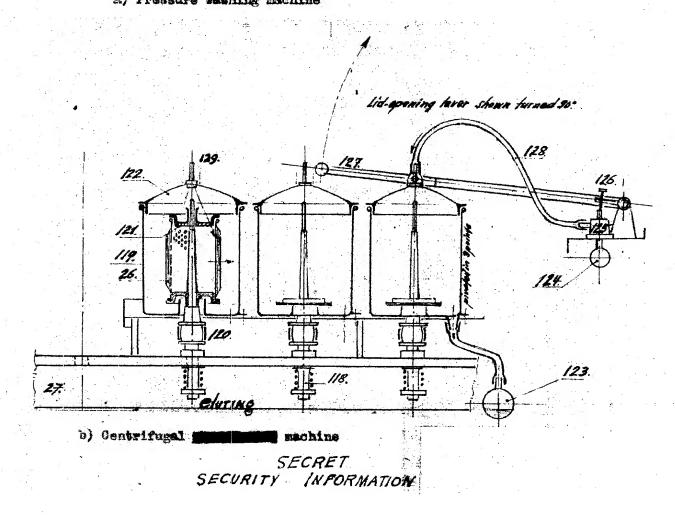
- 161. Cam and drive box
 162. Driven disk
 163. Driving wheel
 164. Camshaft
 165. Yarn brake
 166. Sizing roll
 167. Gearing
 168. Traversing guide
 169. Traversing eyelet
 170. Cone-fastening lever
 171. Starting lever
 172. Driving pulley
 173. Tension sheave
 174. Twisting spindle
 175. Foot brake
 176. Spindle shaft

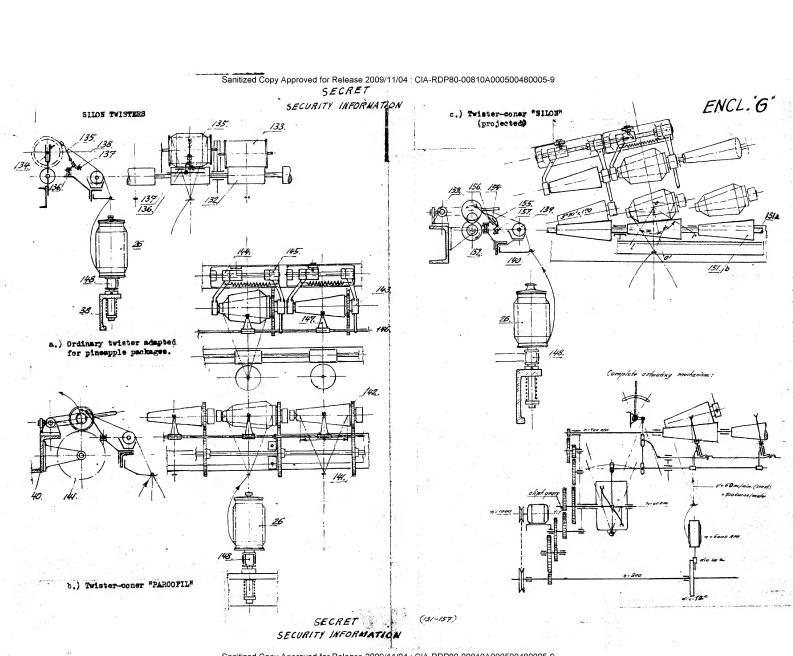




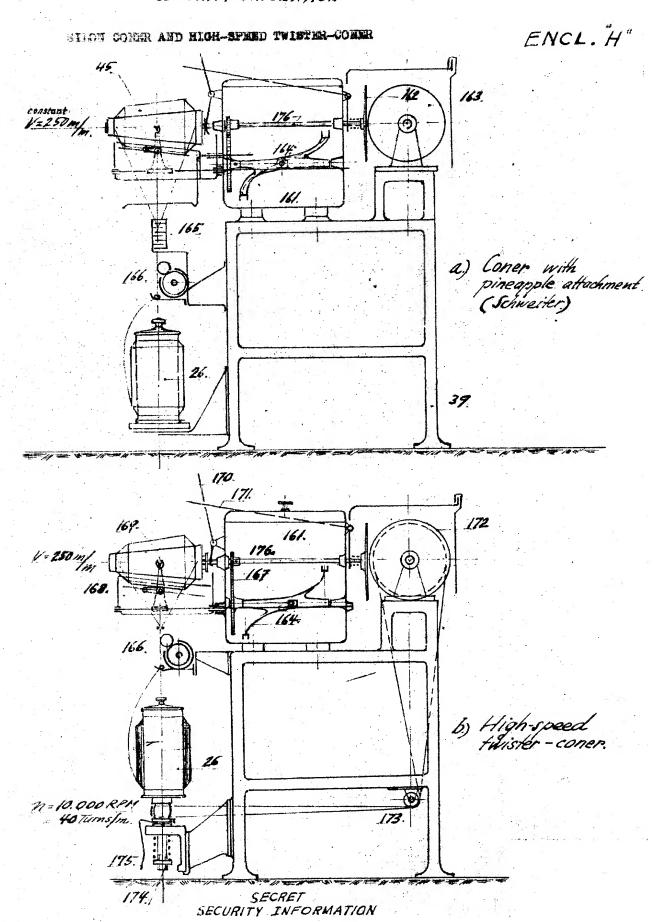




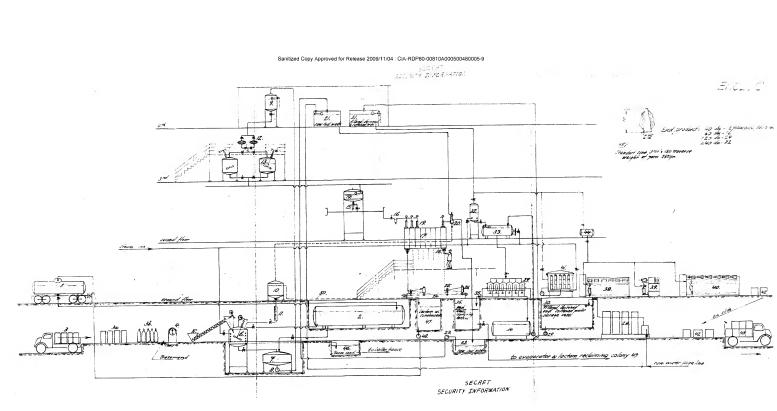




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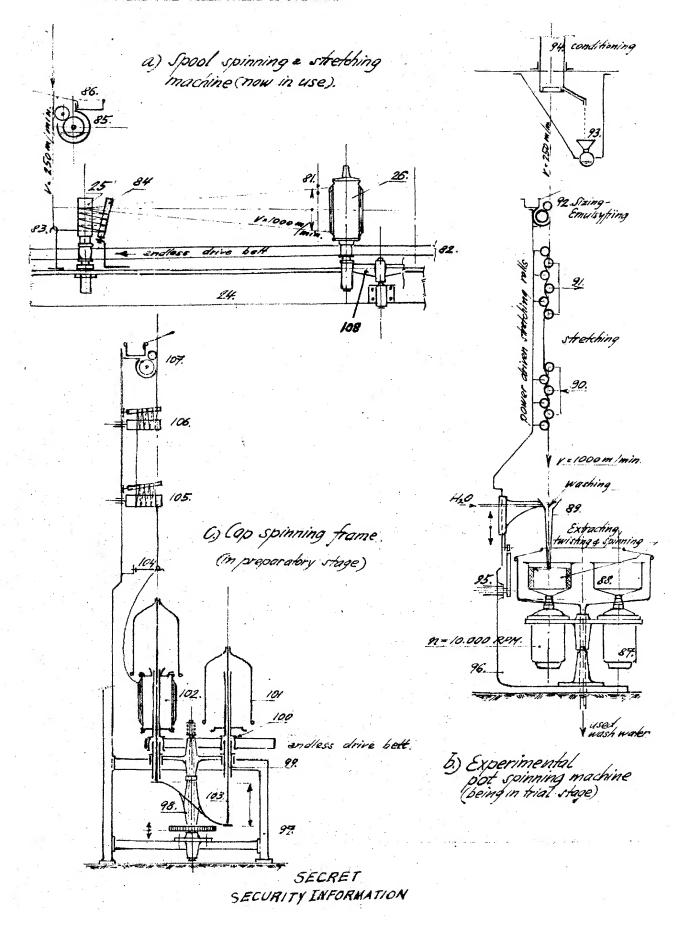


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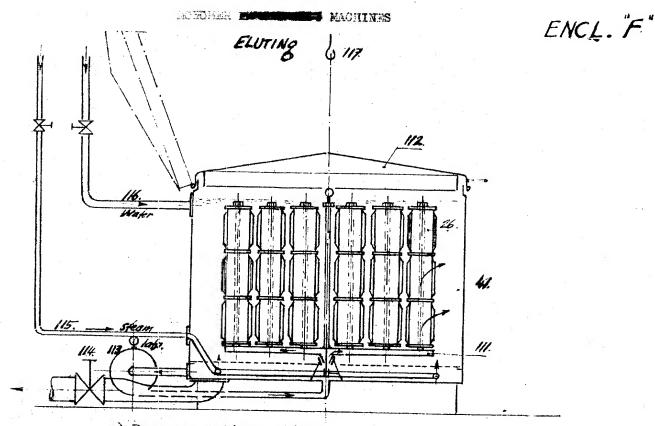


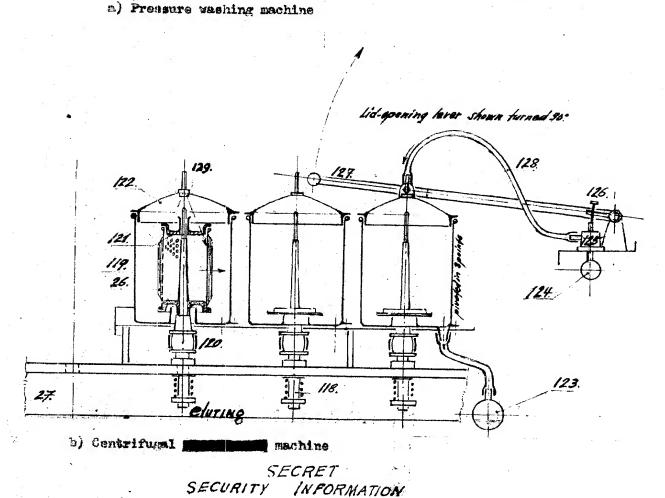
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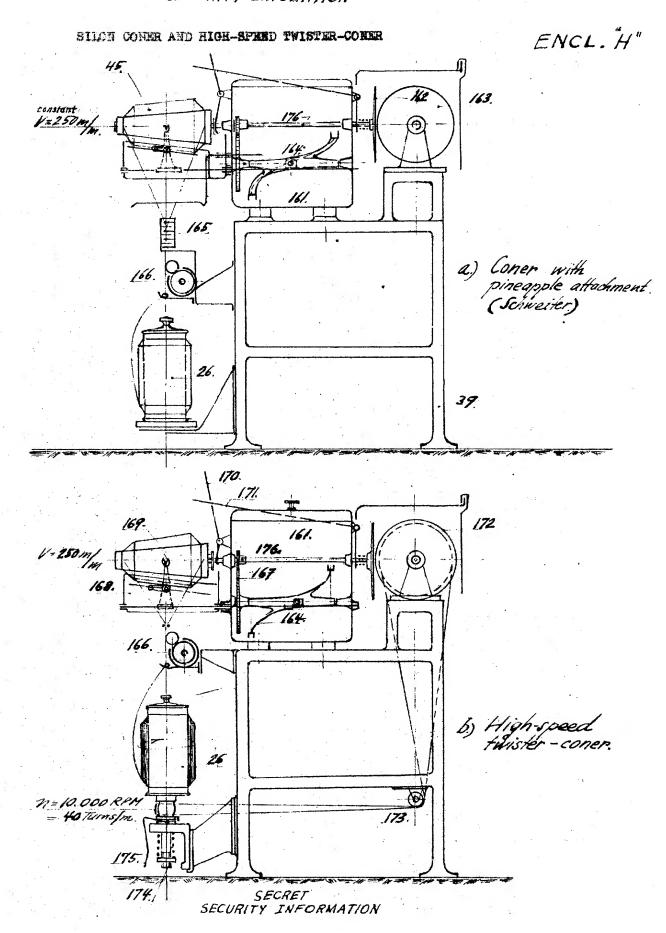
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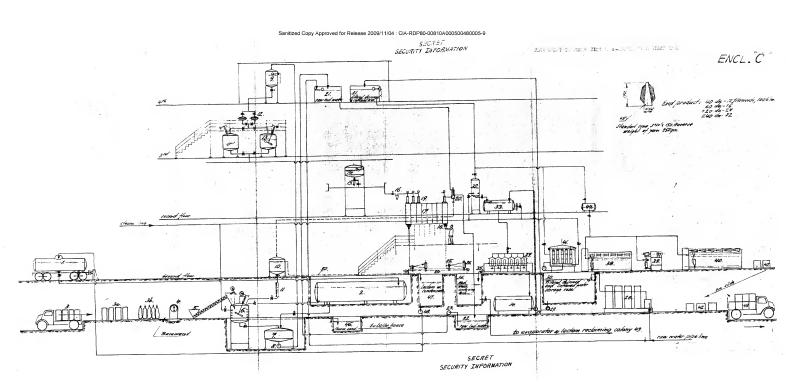


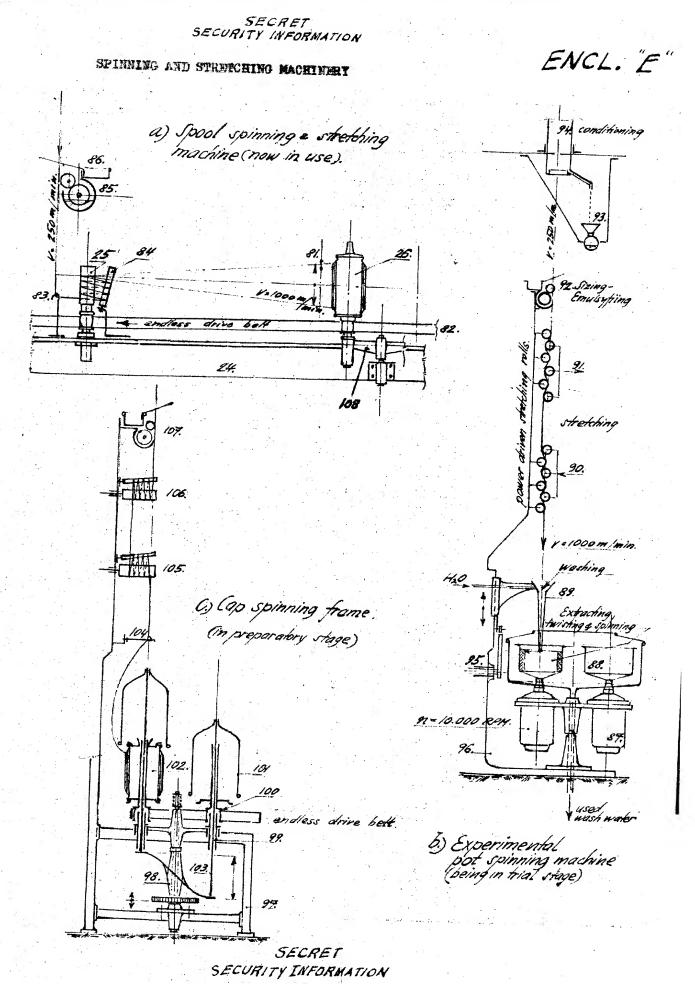


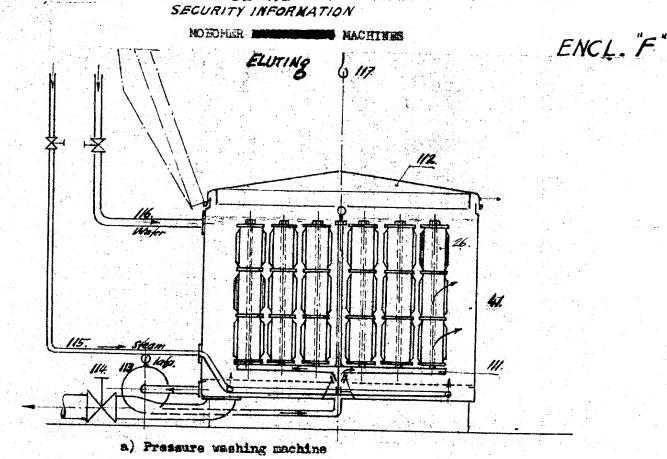
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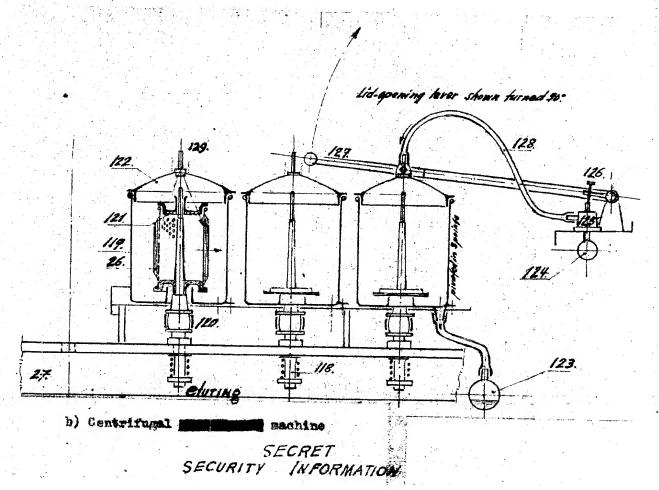
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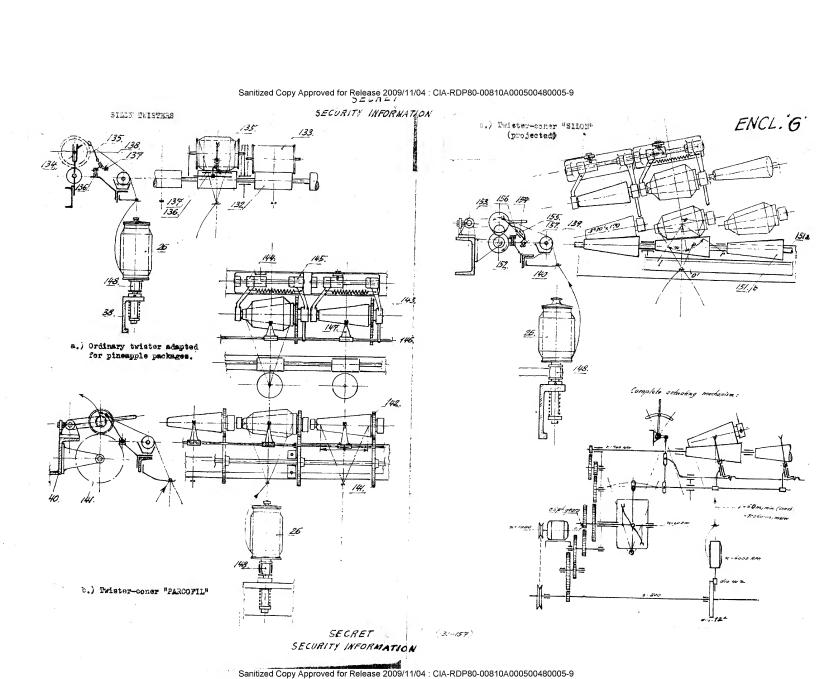


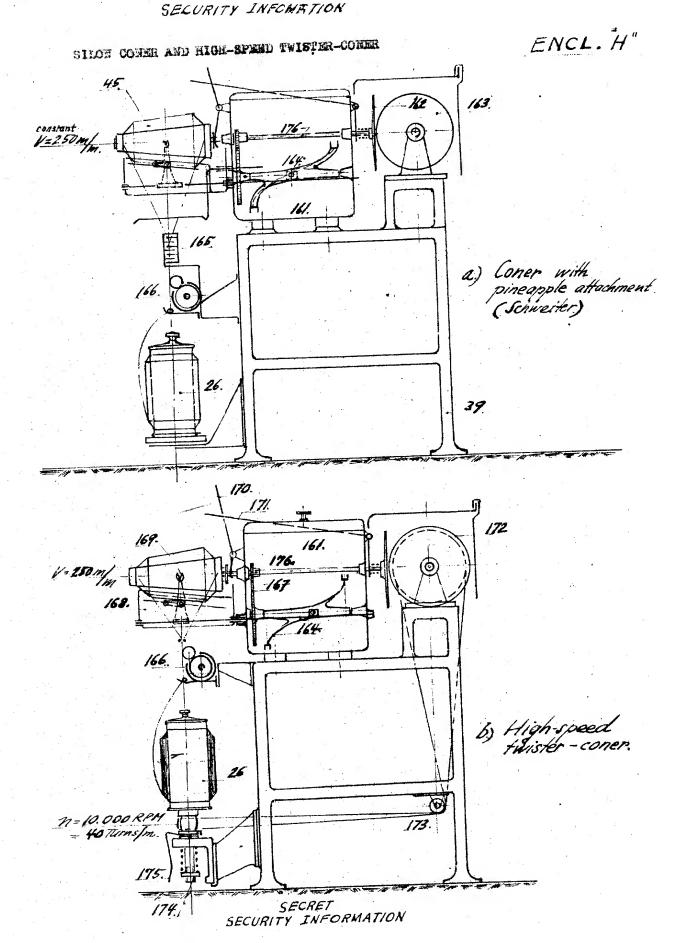


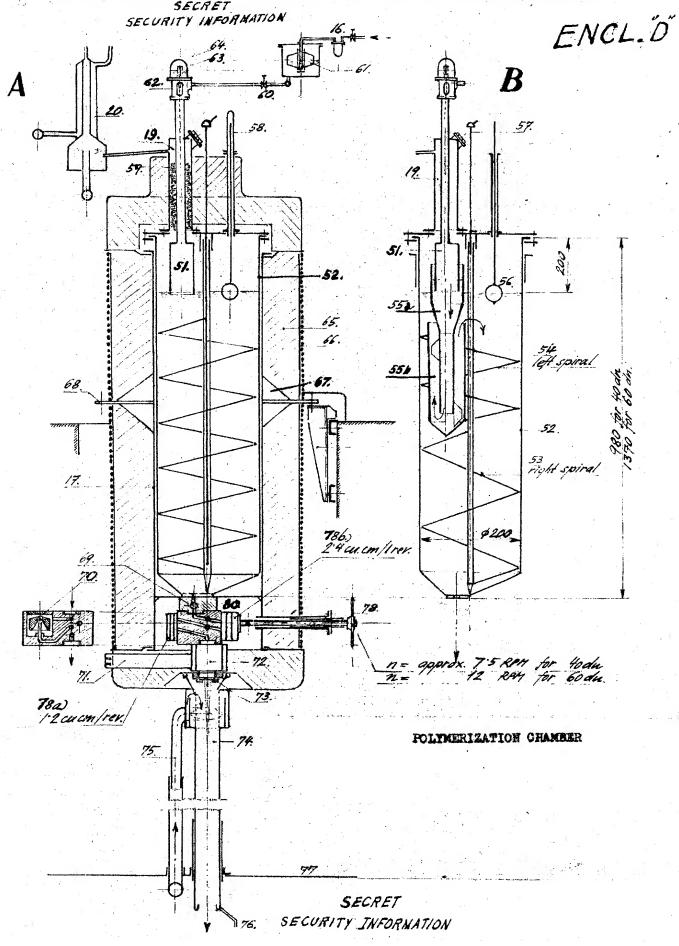


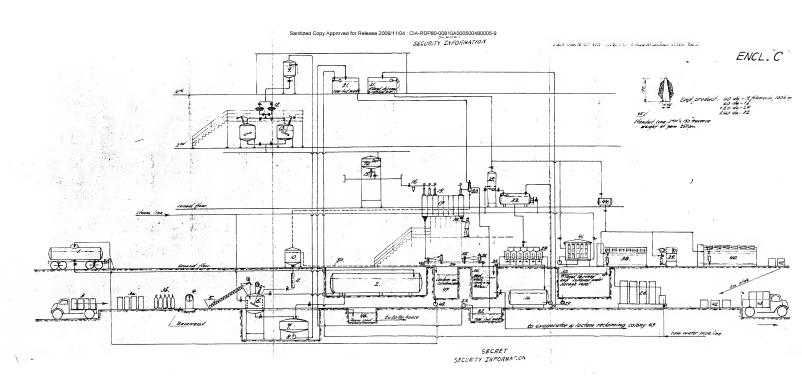






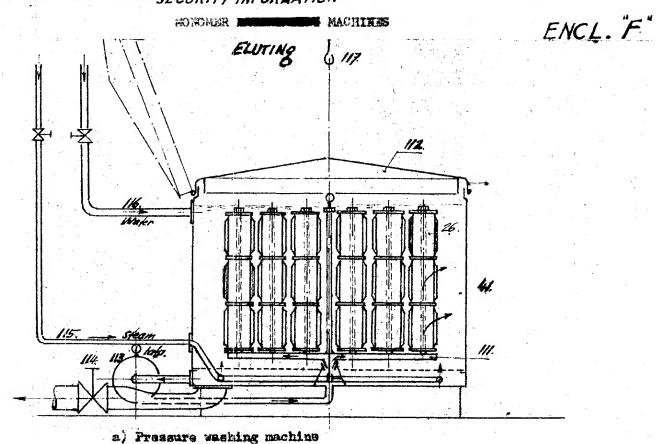


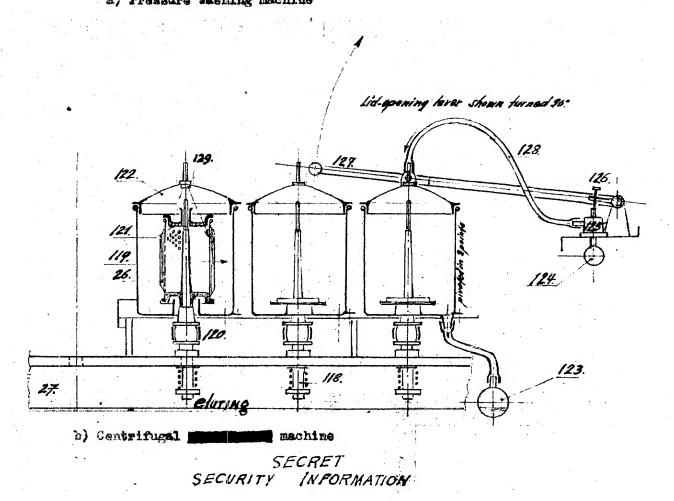




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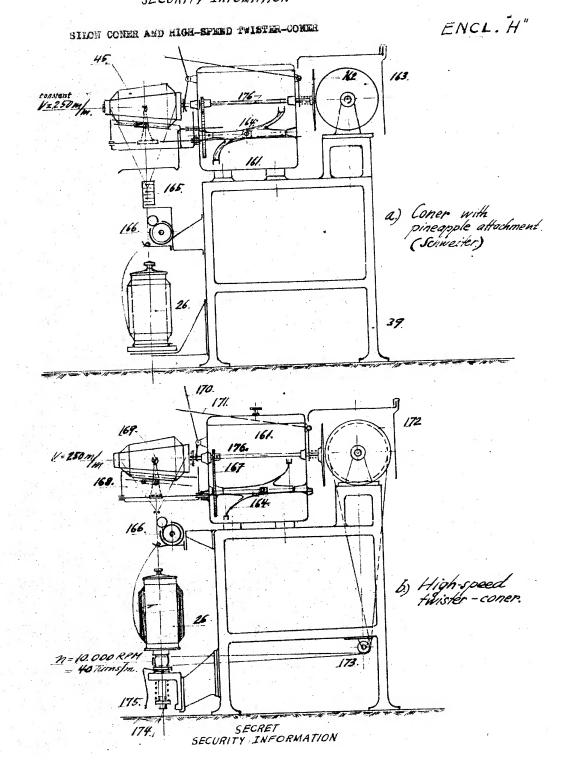




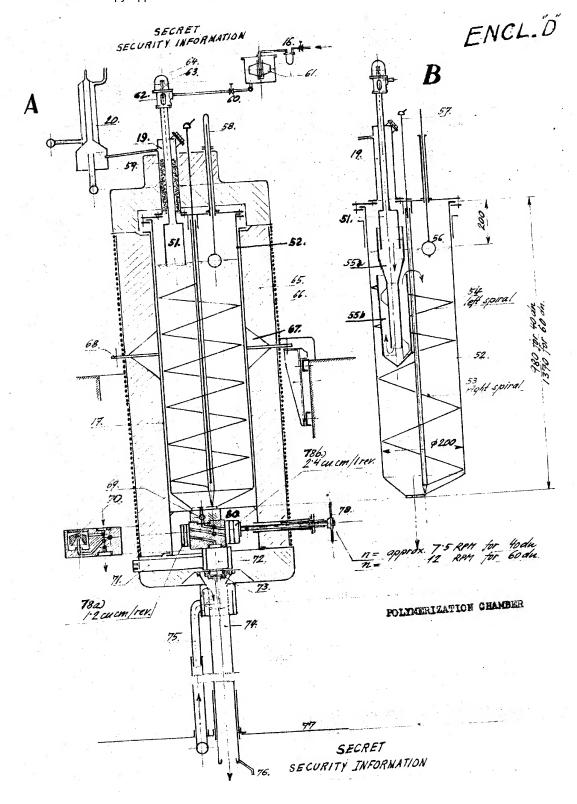
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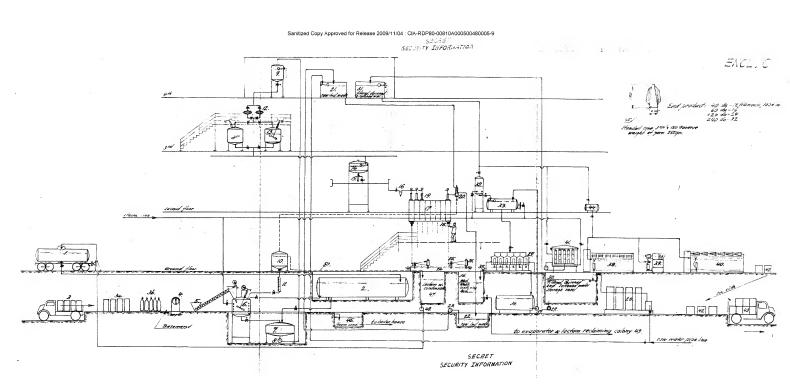
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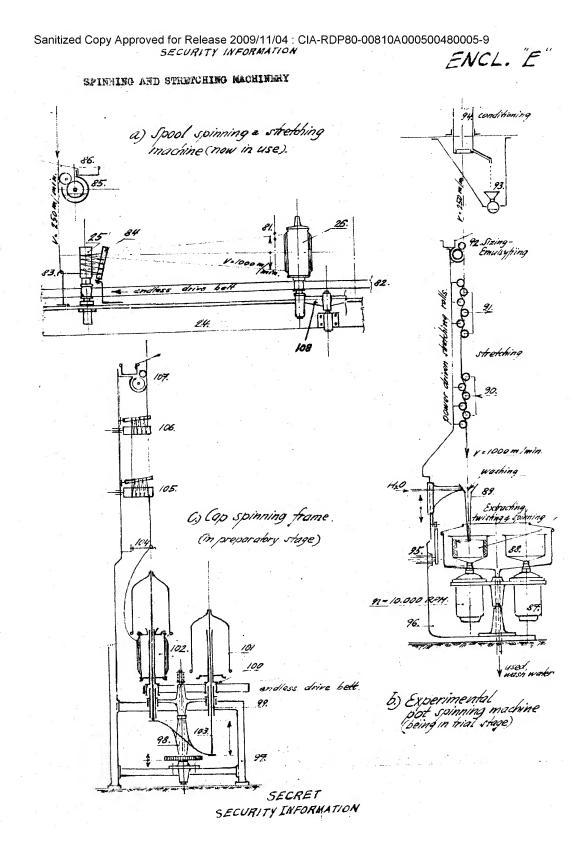
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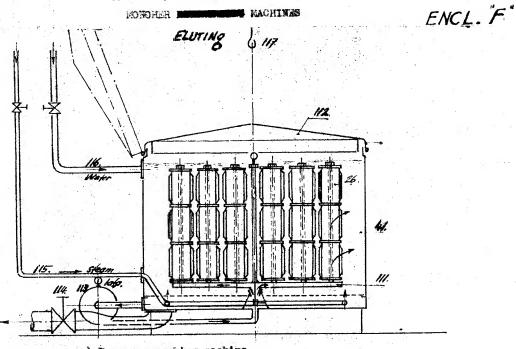




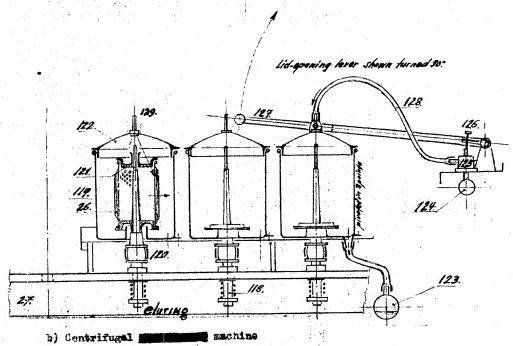


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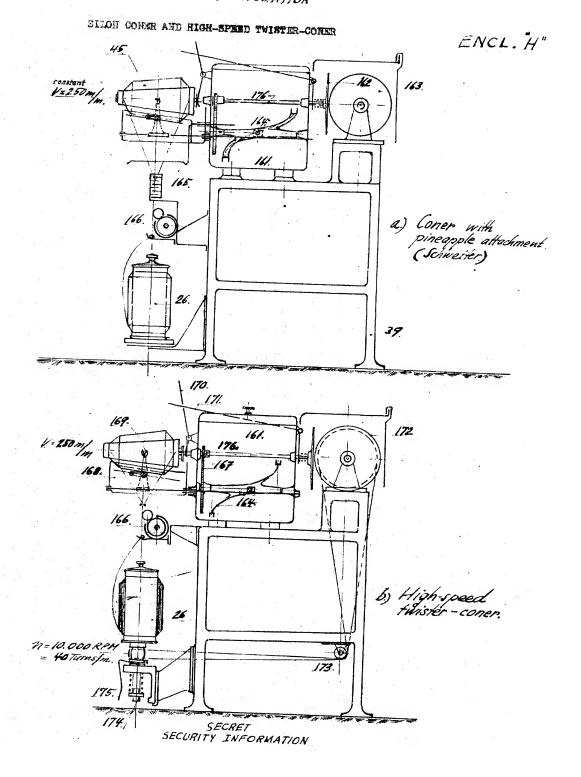
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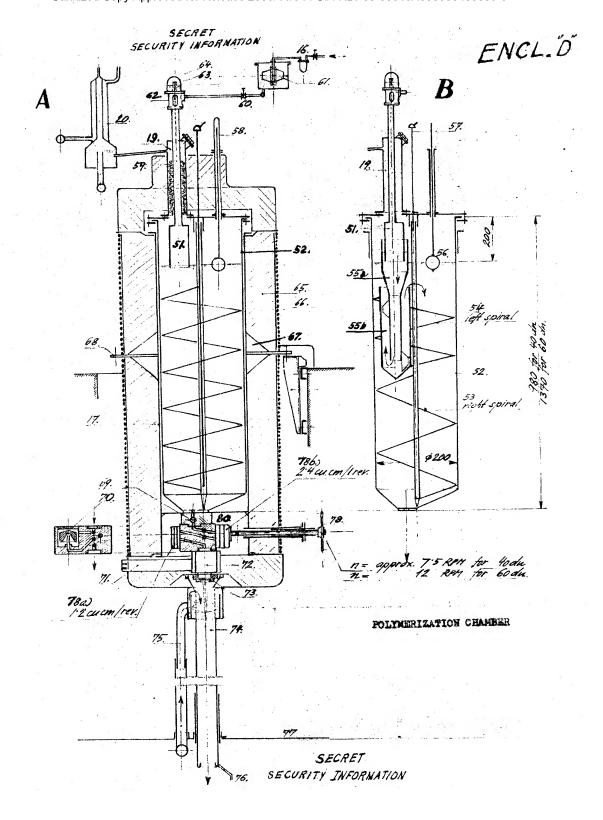
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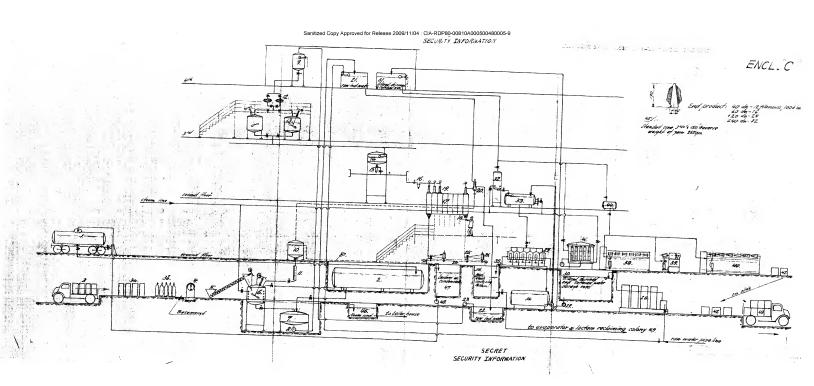
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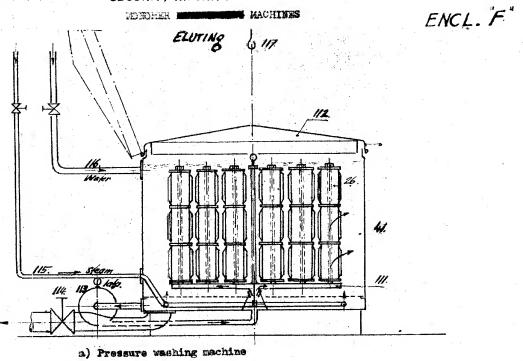


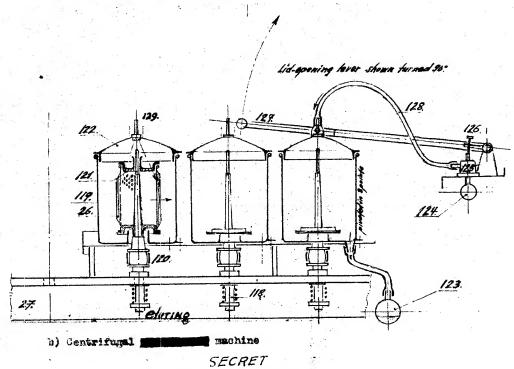
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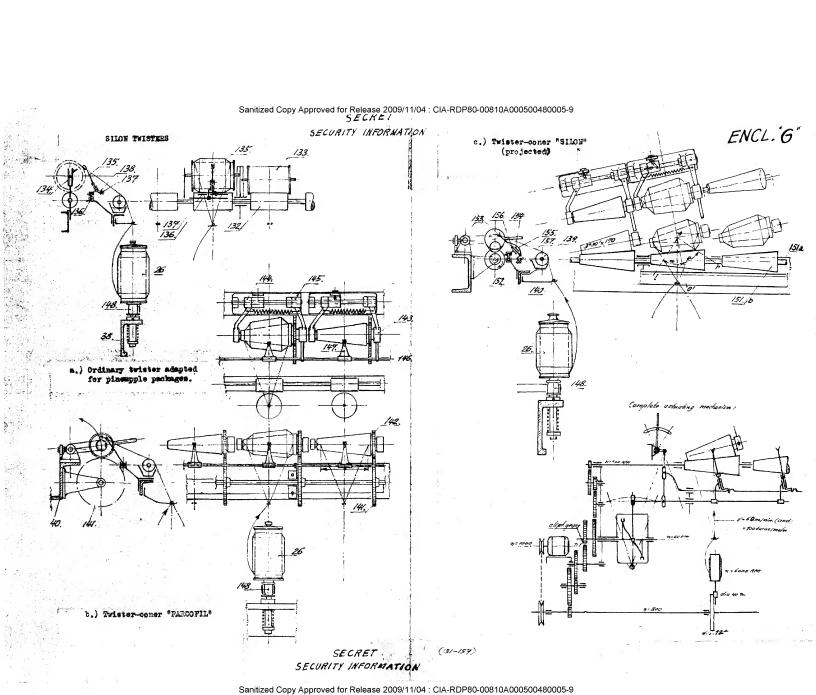
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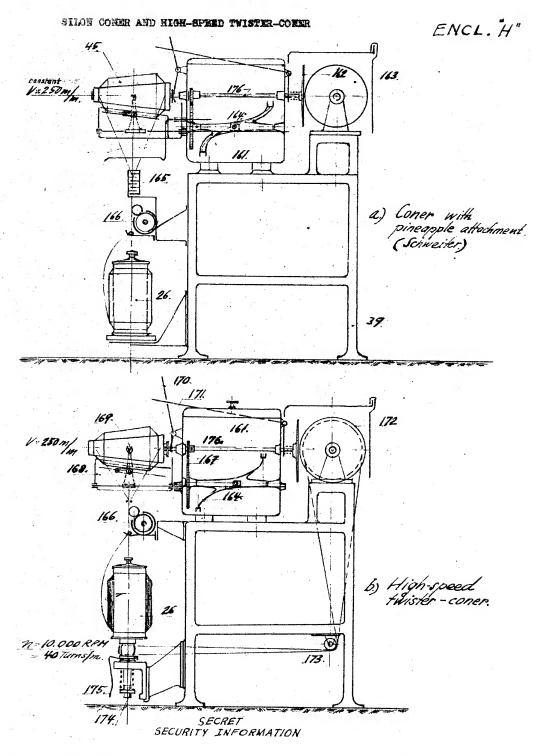




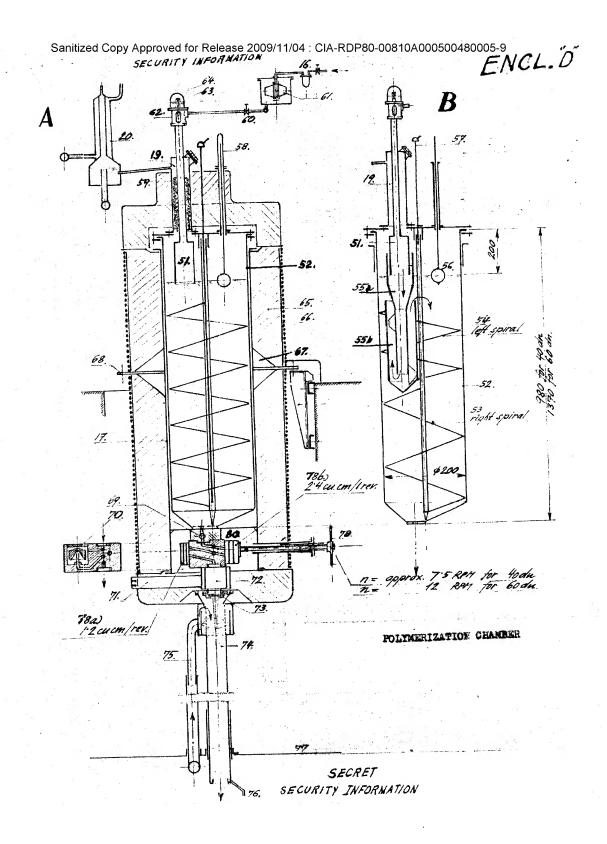
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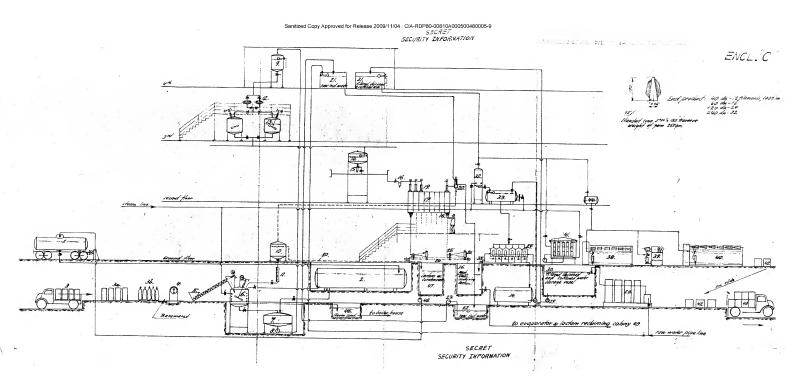


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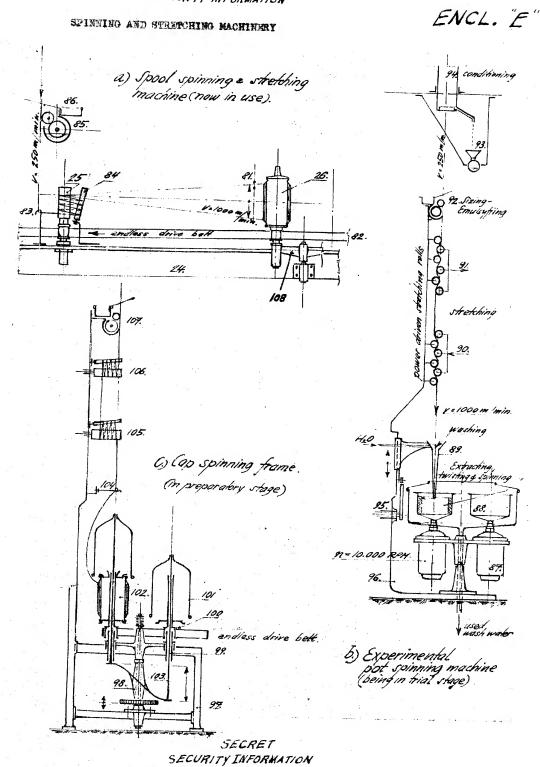


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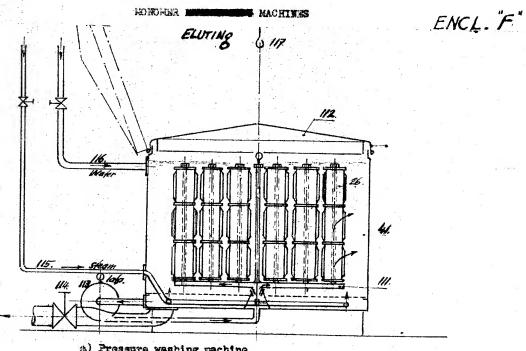




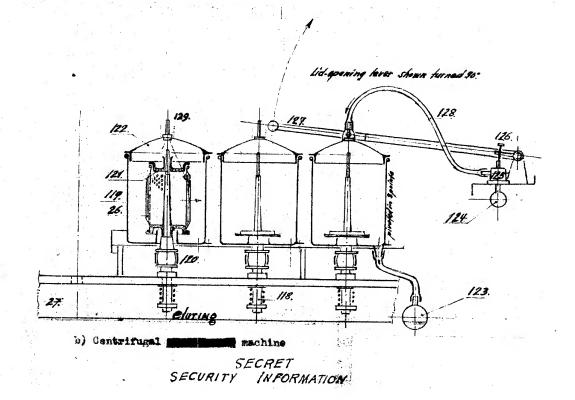
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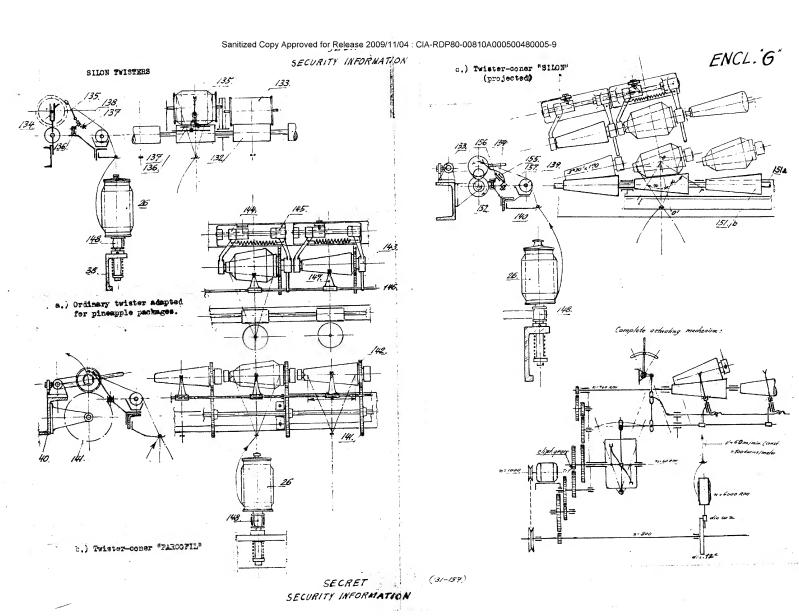
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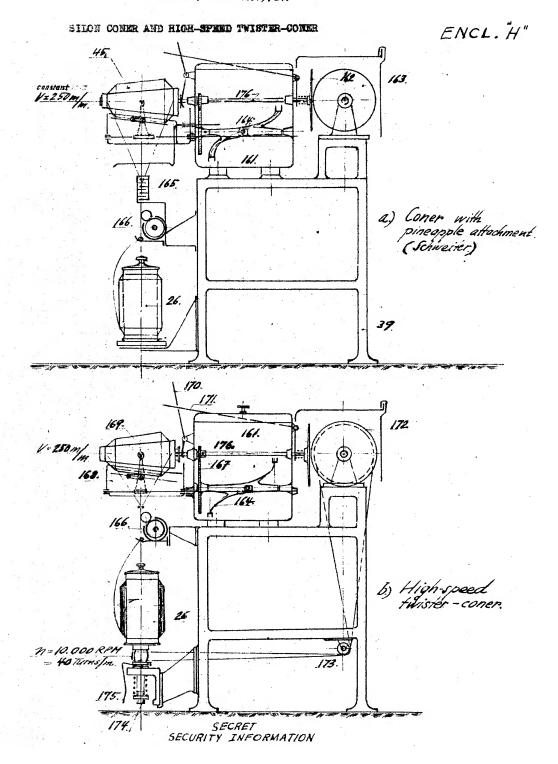
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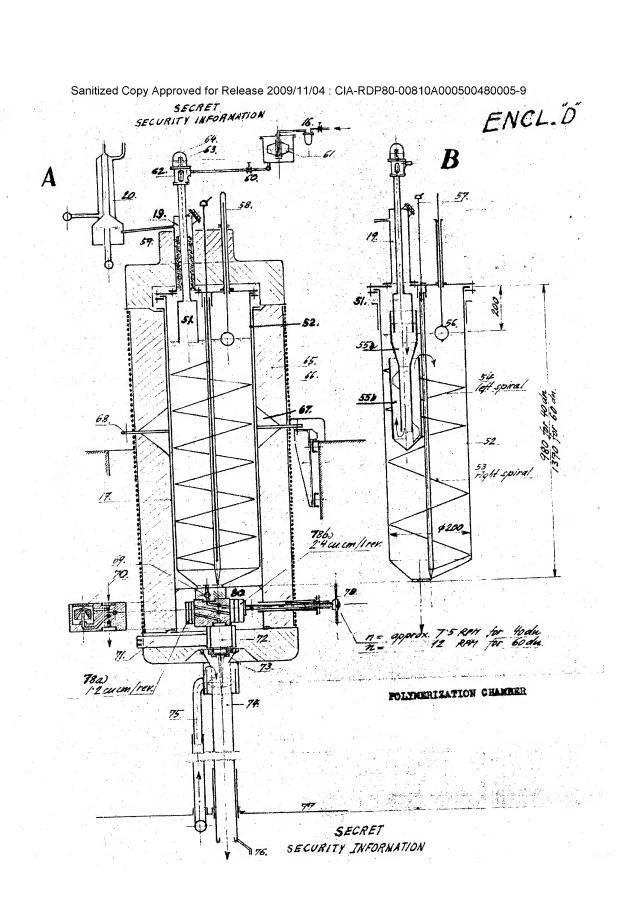


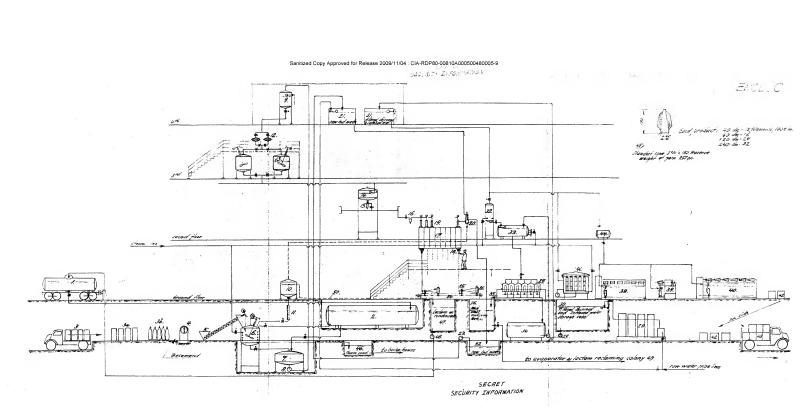
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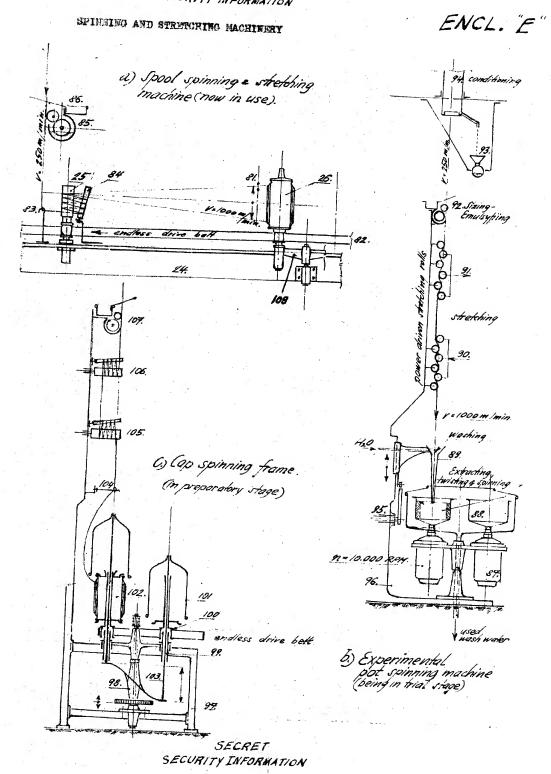




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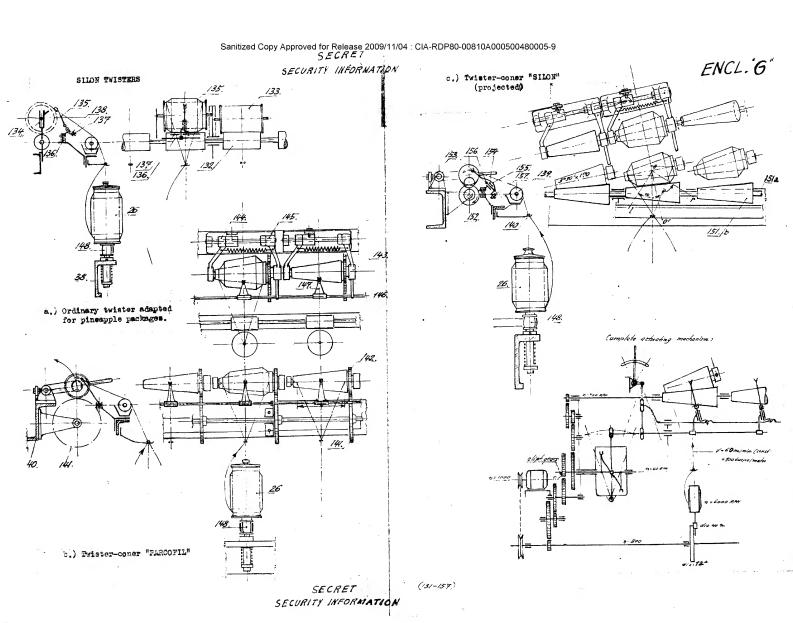
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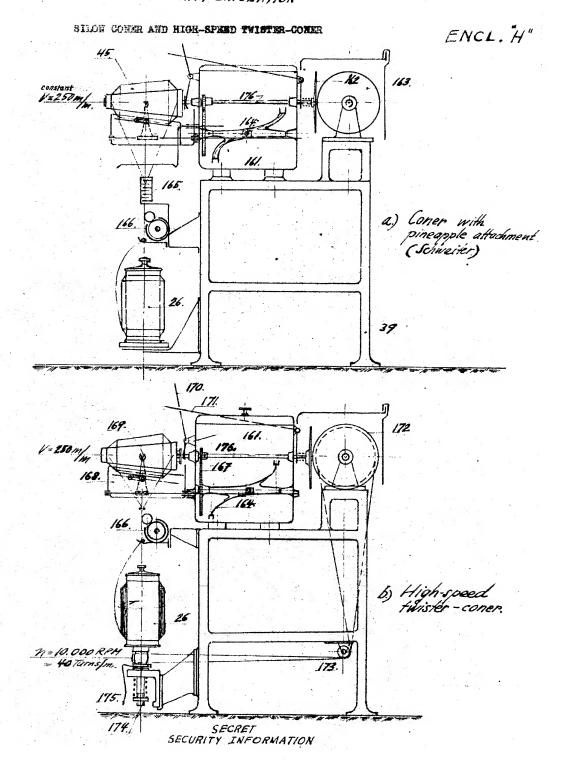
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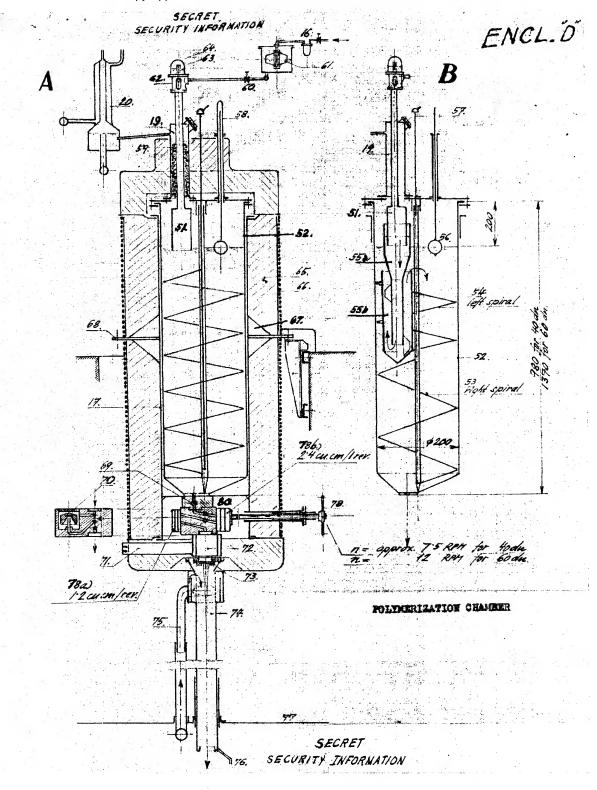
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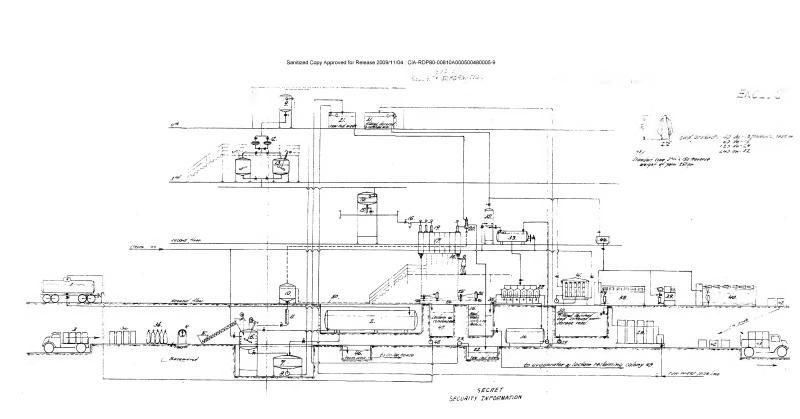


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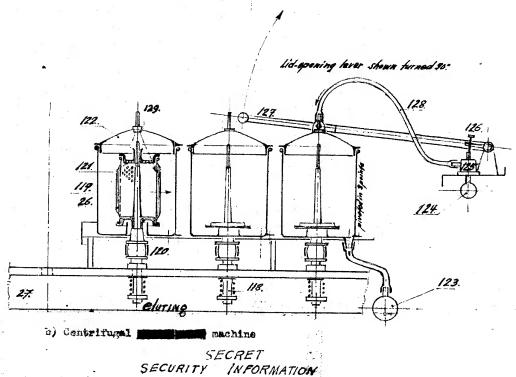


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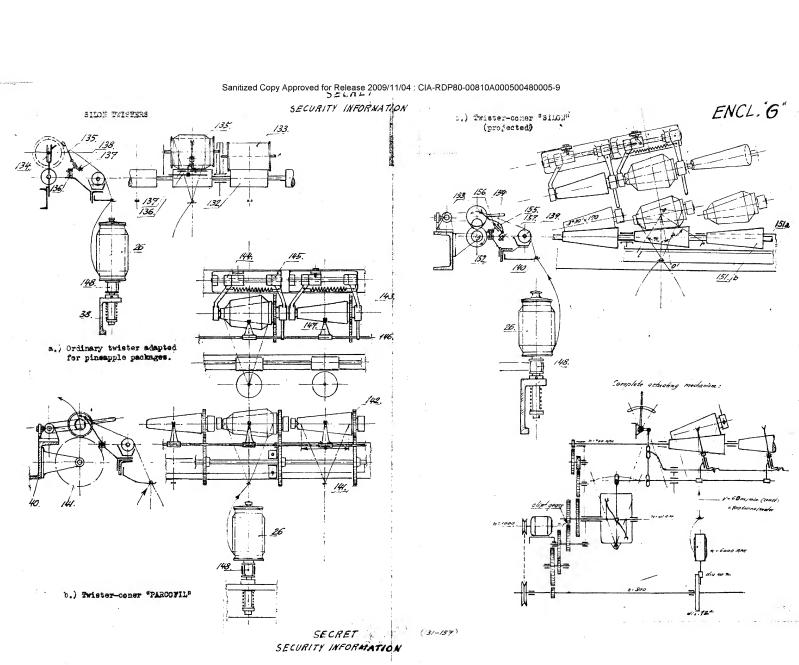
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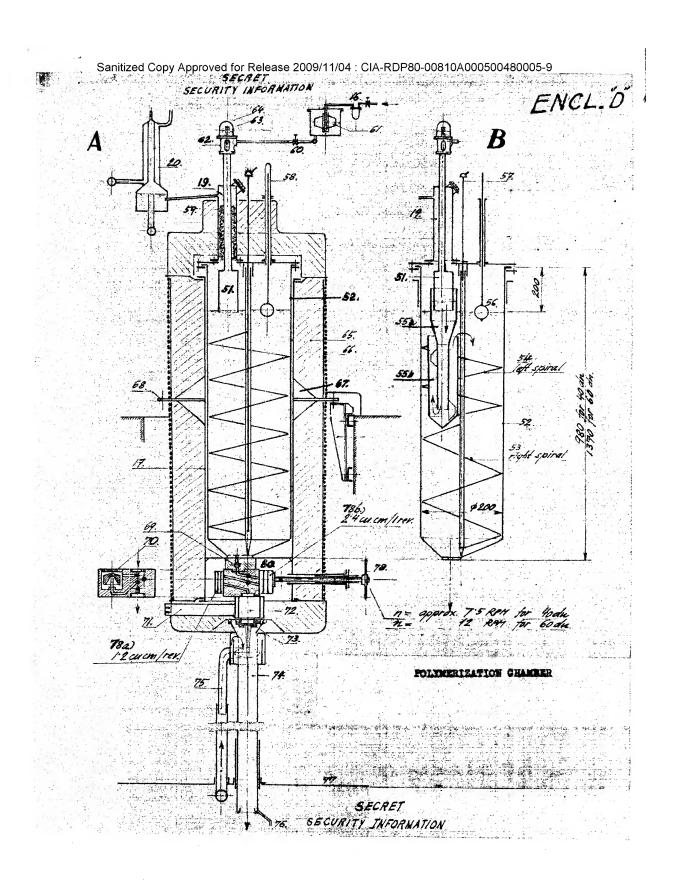
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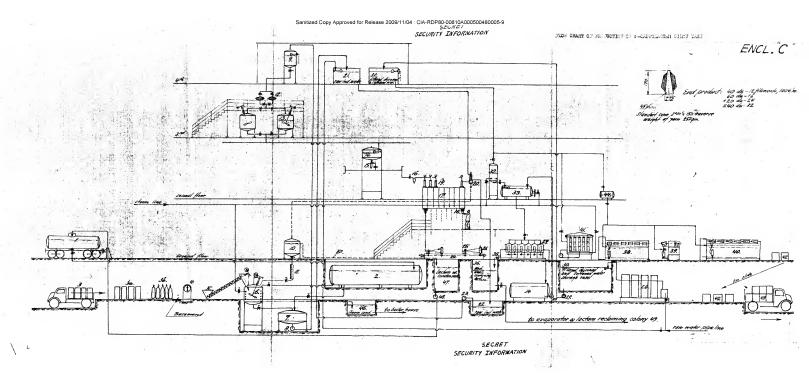


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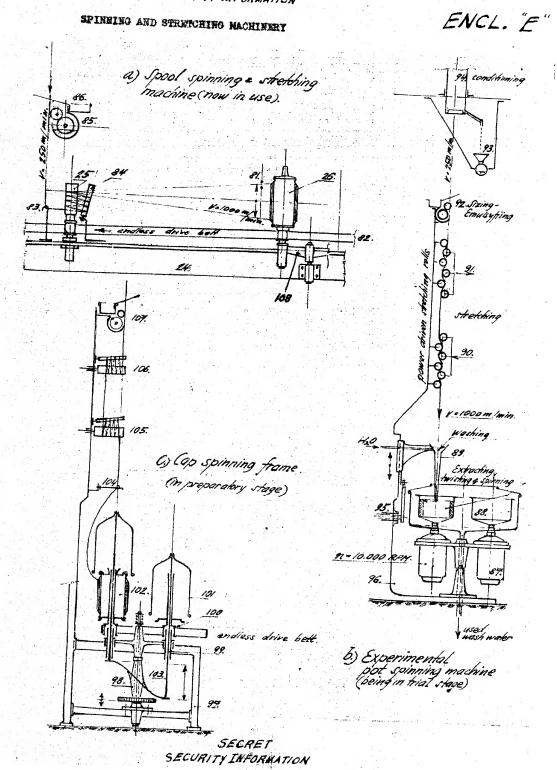


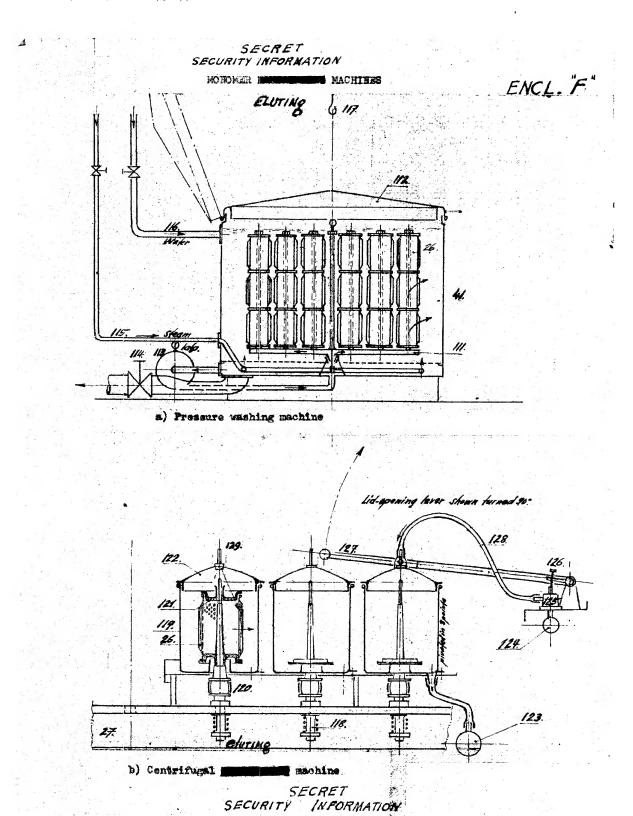


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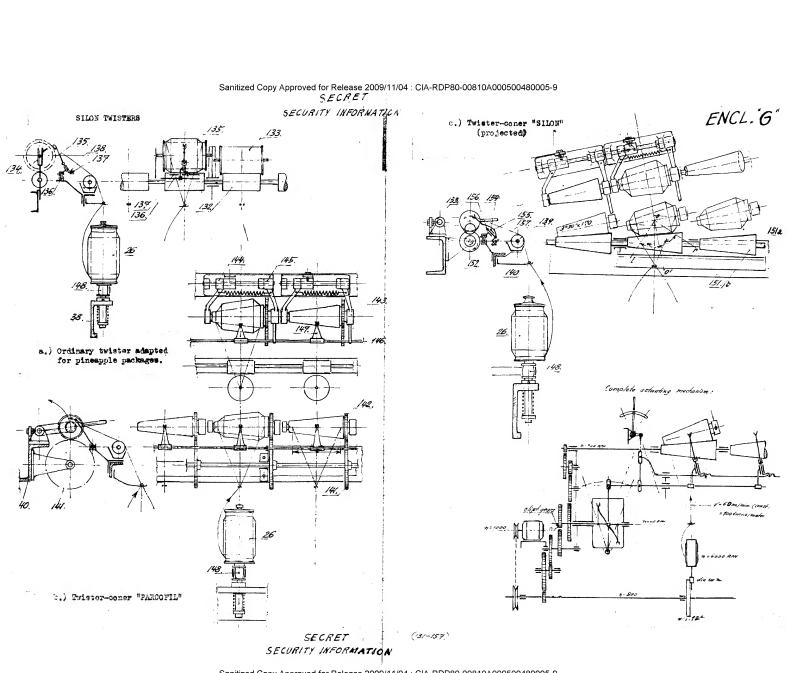
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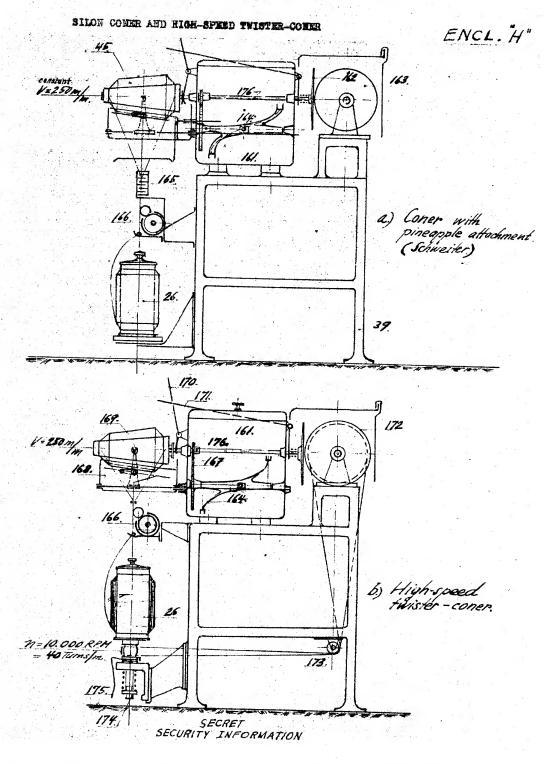




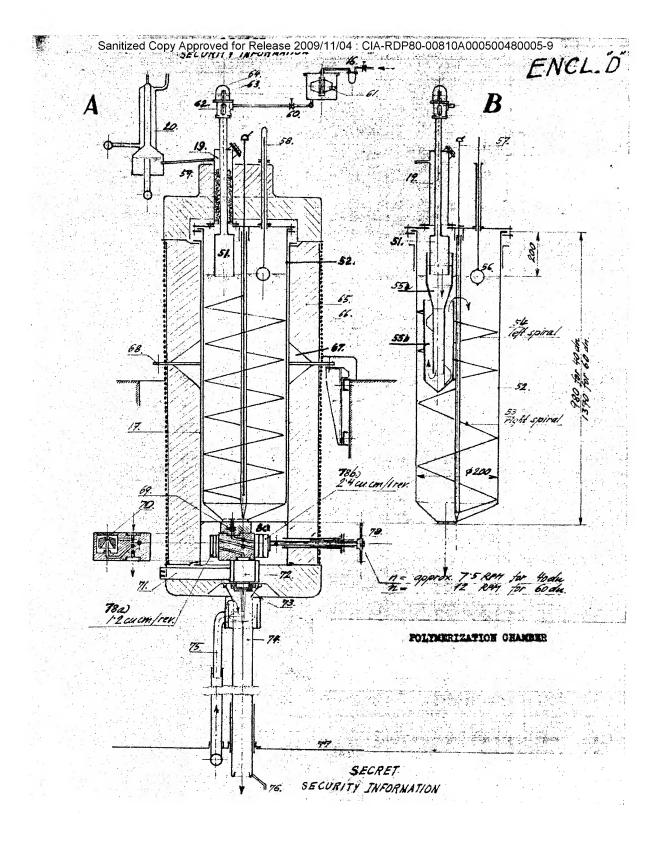
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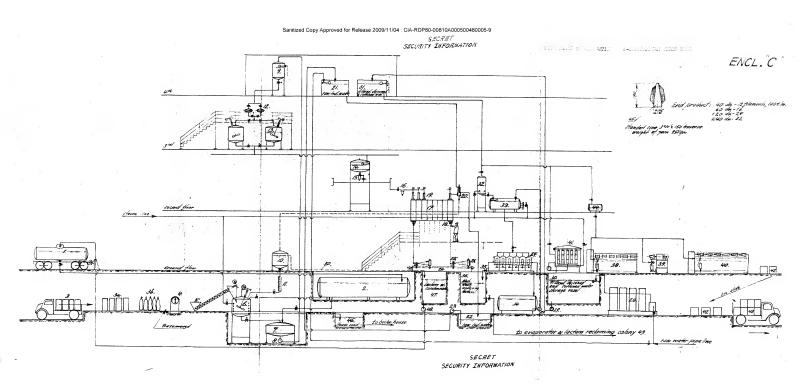


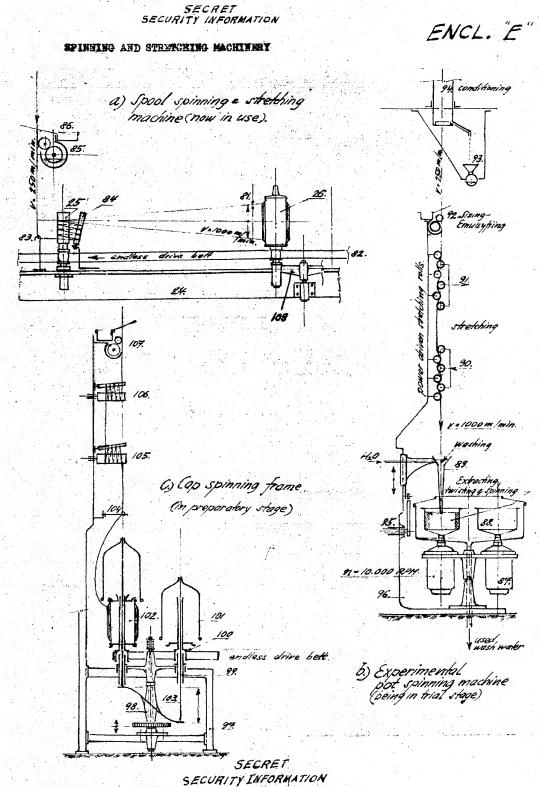
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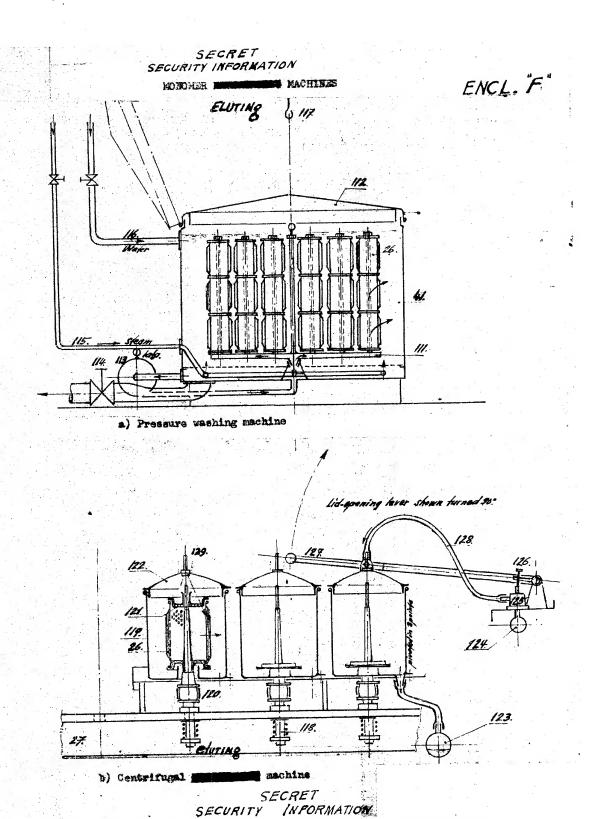
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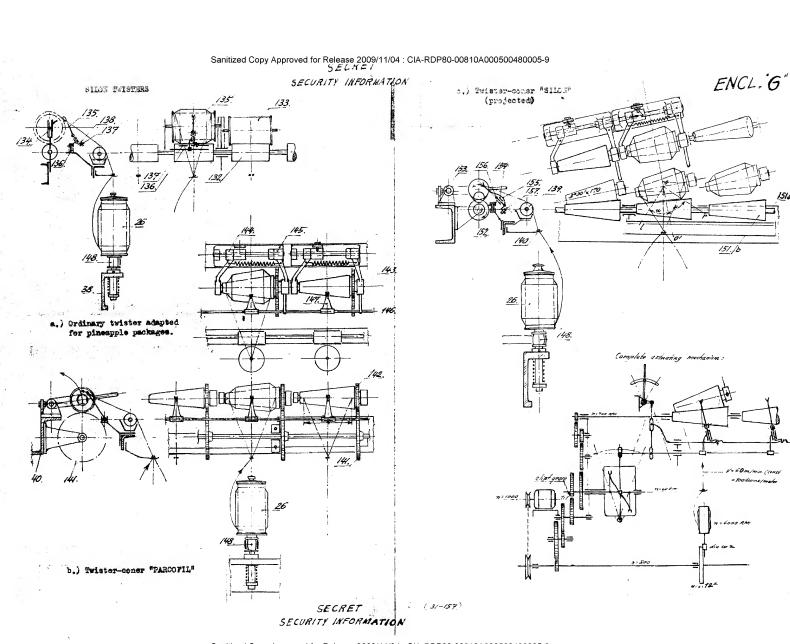




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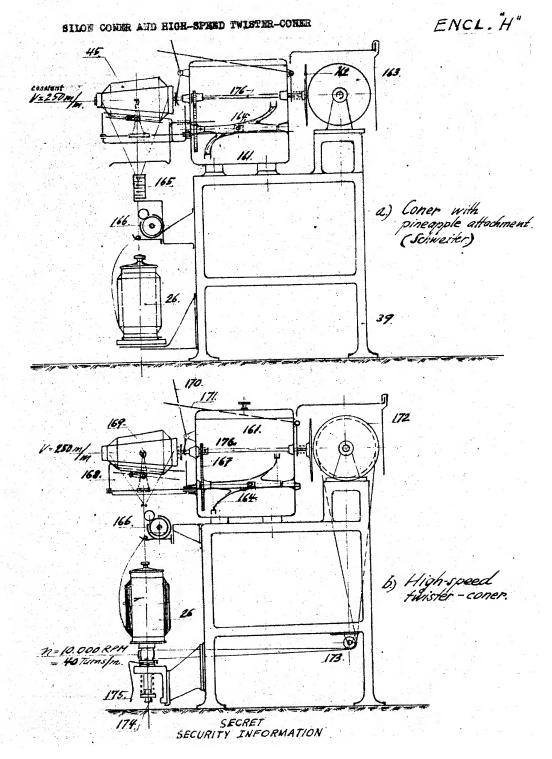


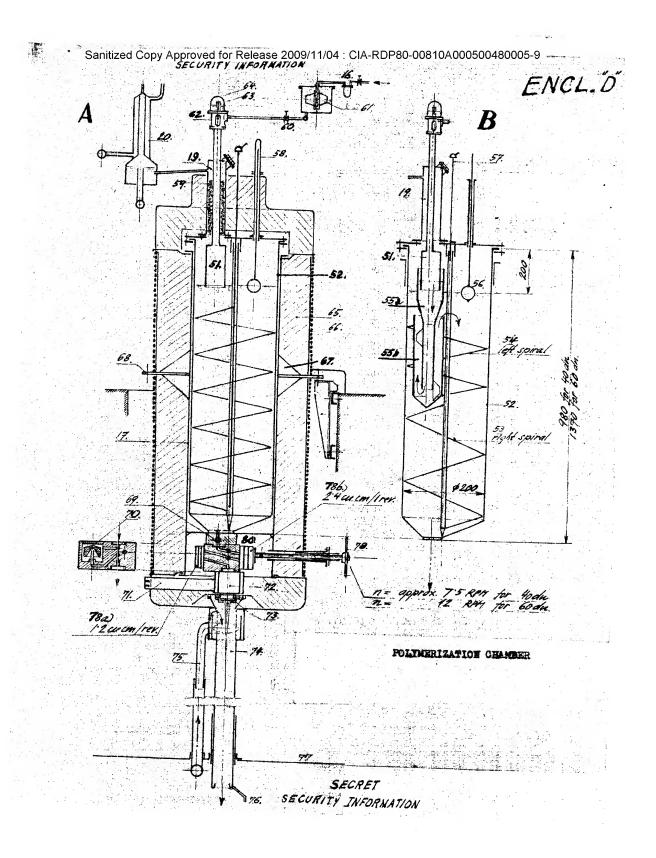
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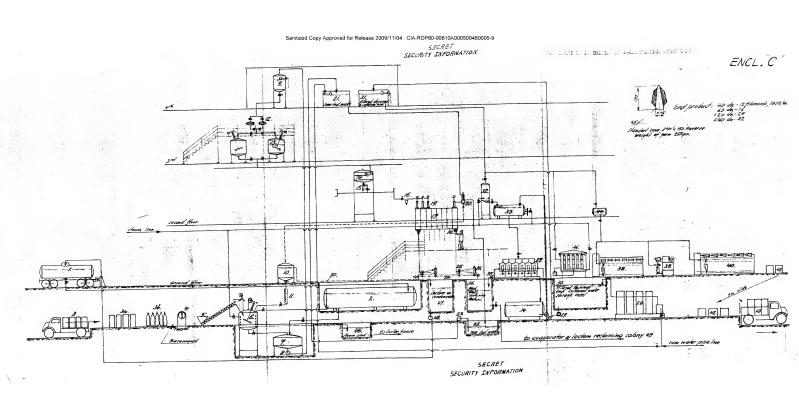


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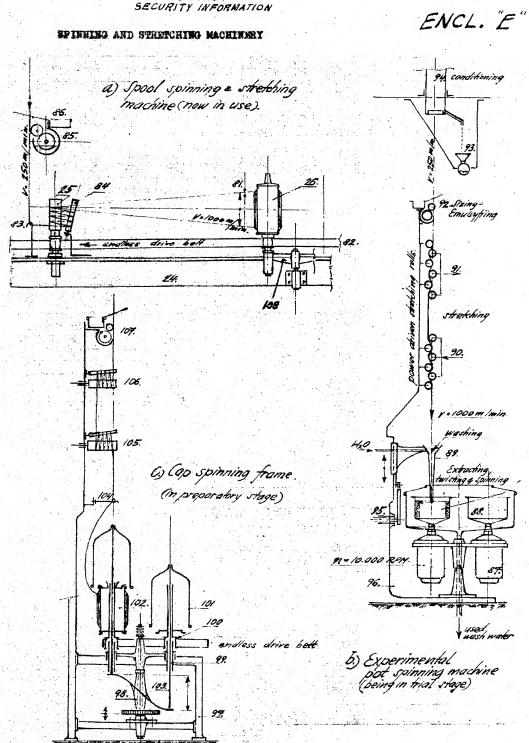




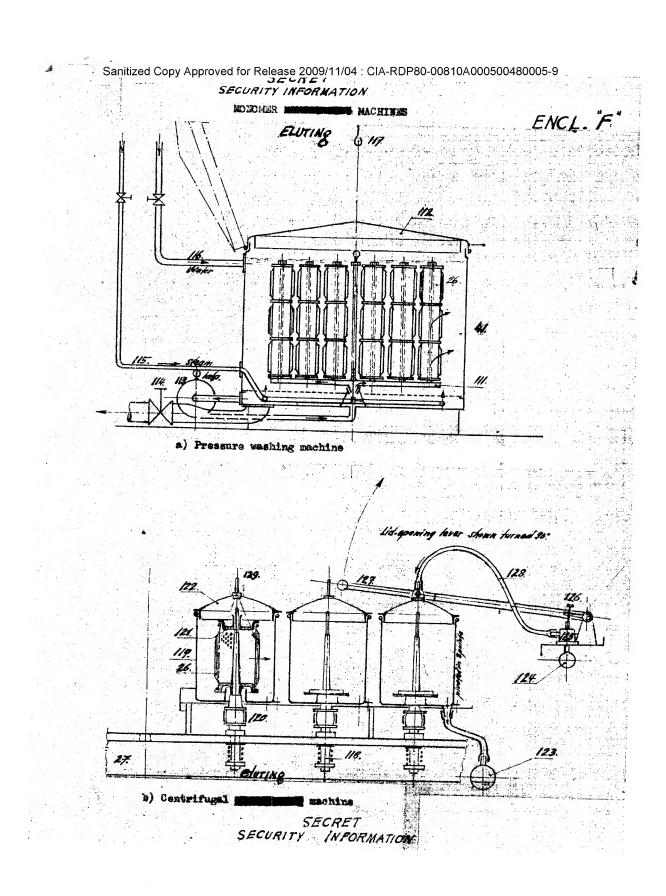
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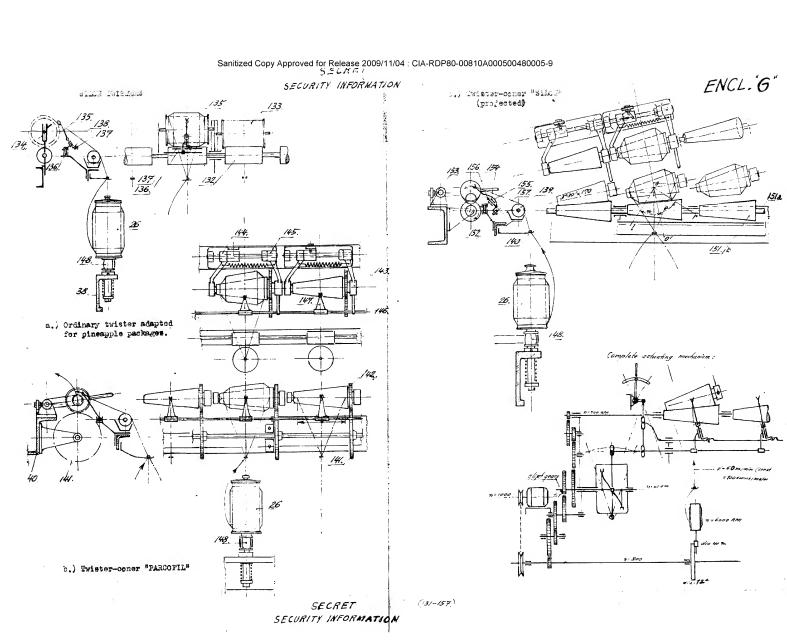
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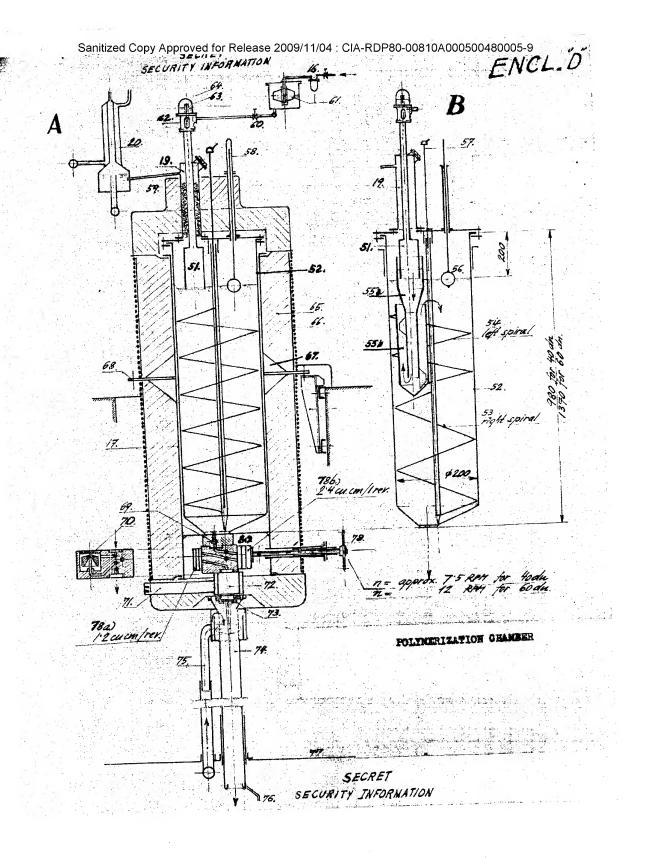
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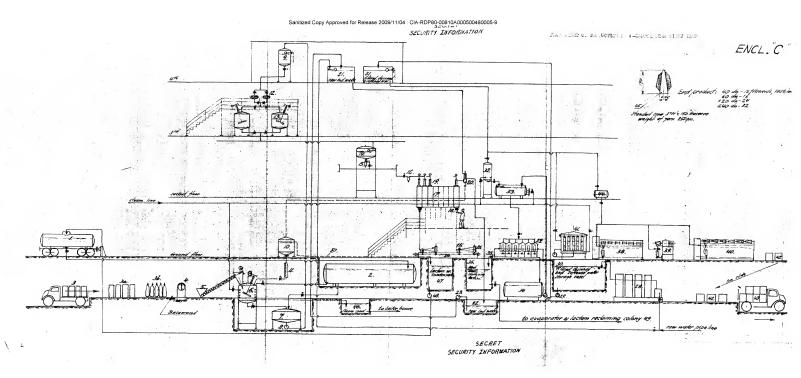




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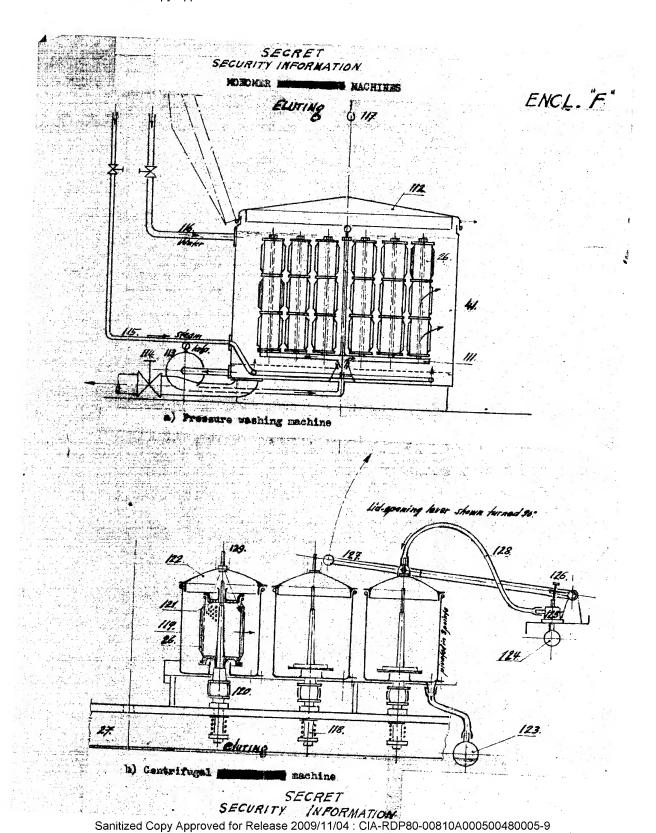


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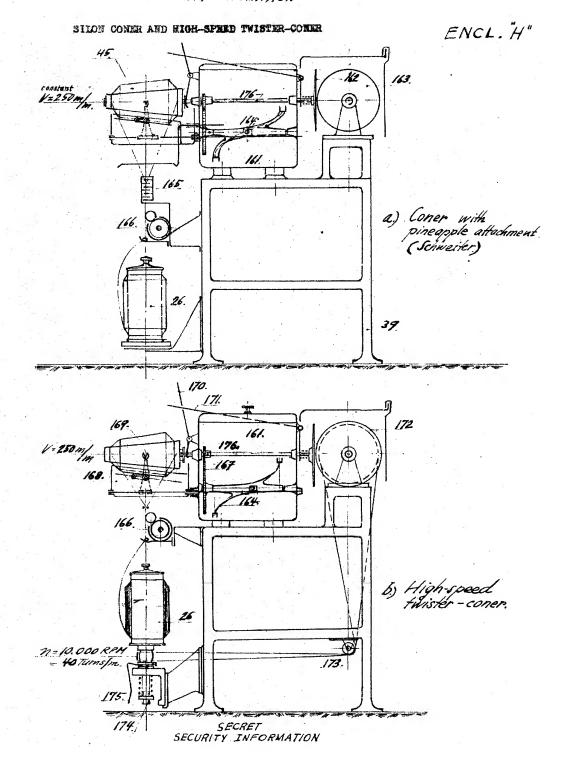
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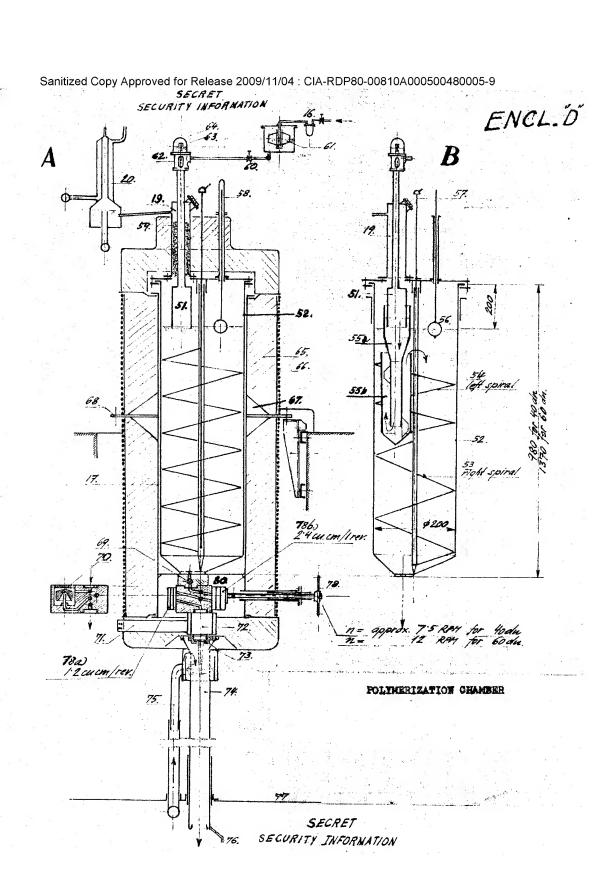
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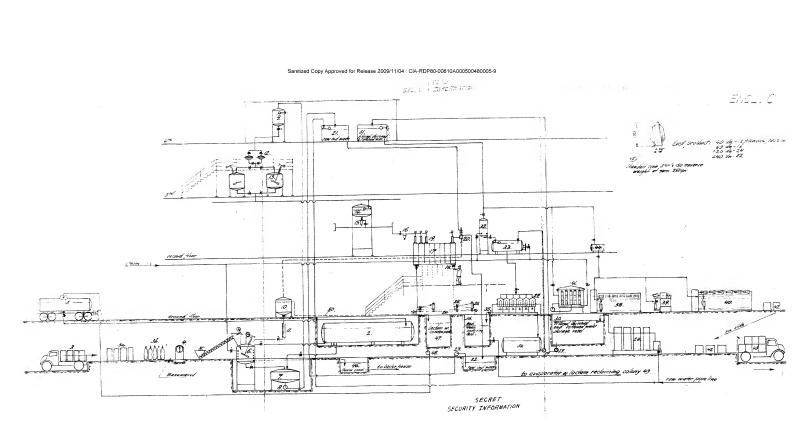


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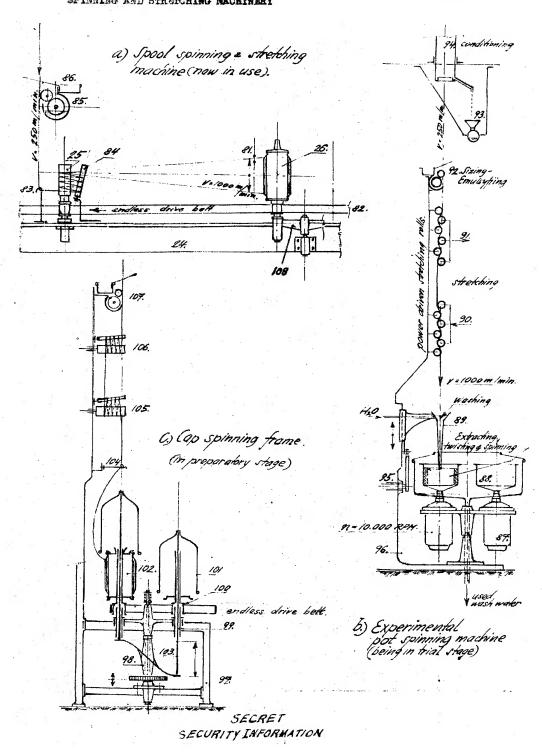
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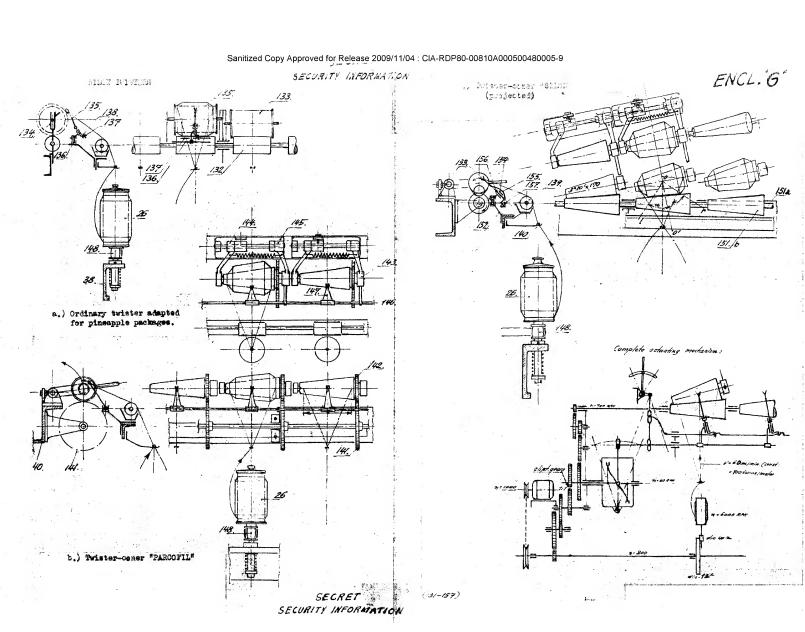
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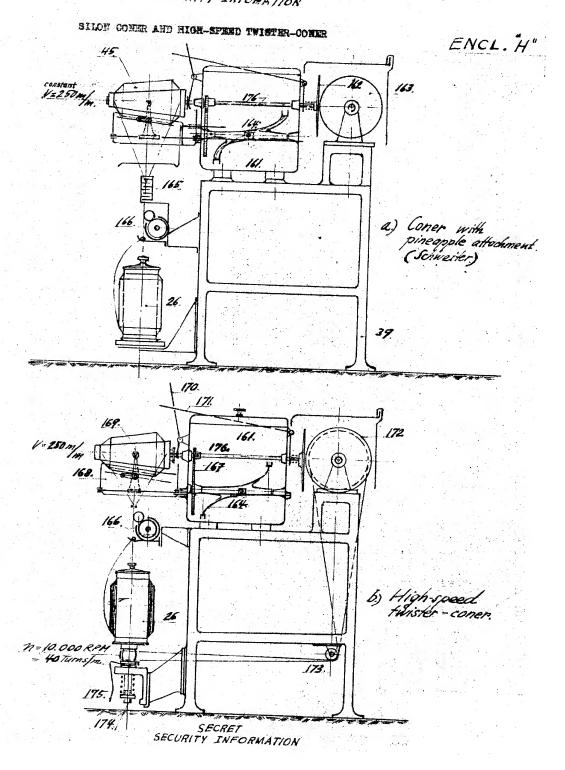
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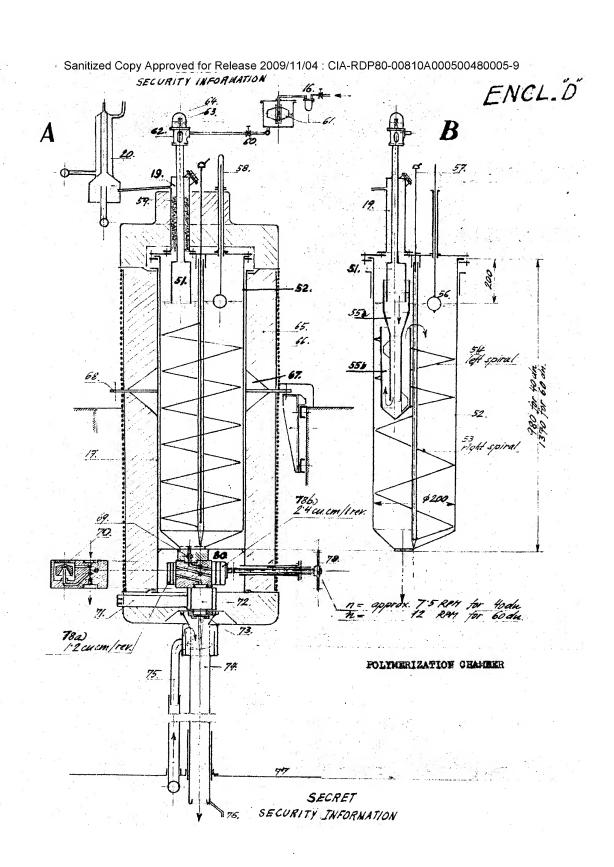


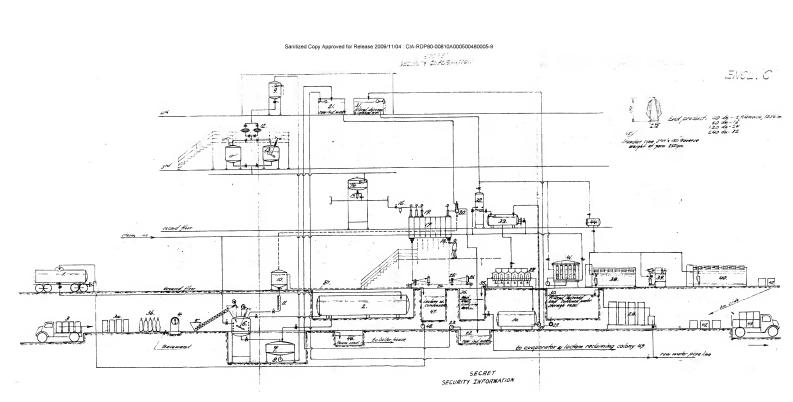
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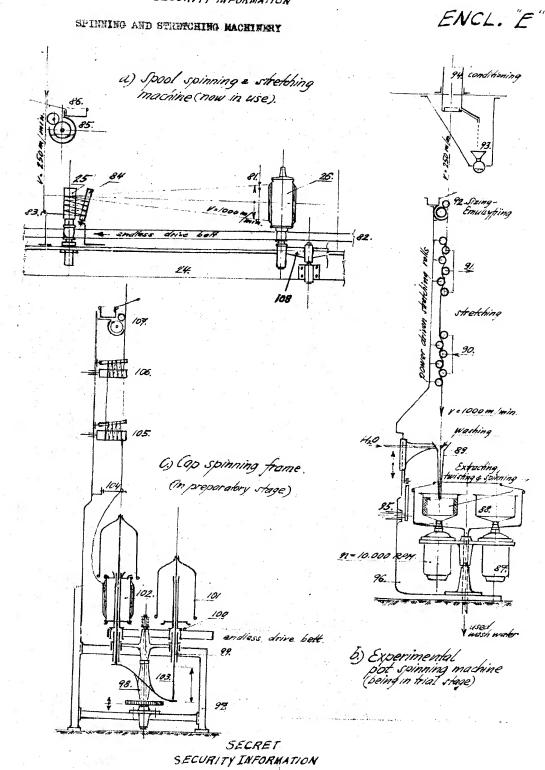






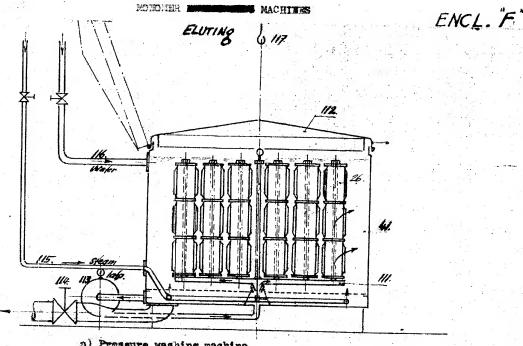
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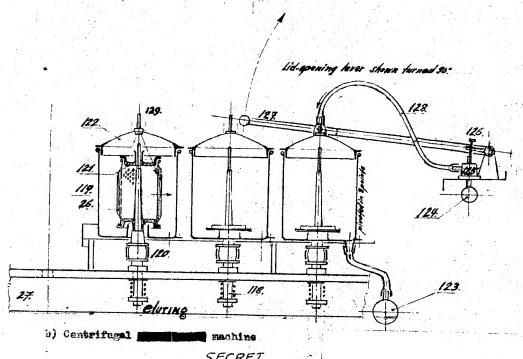


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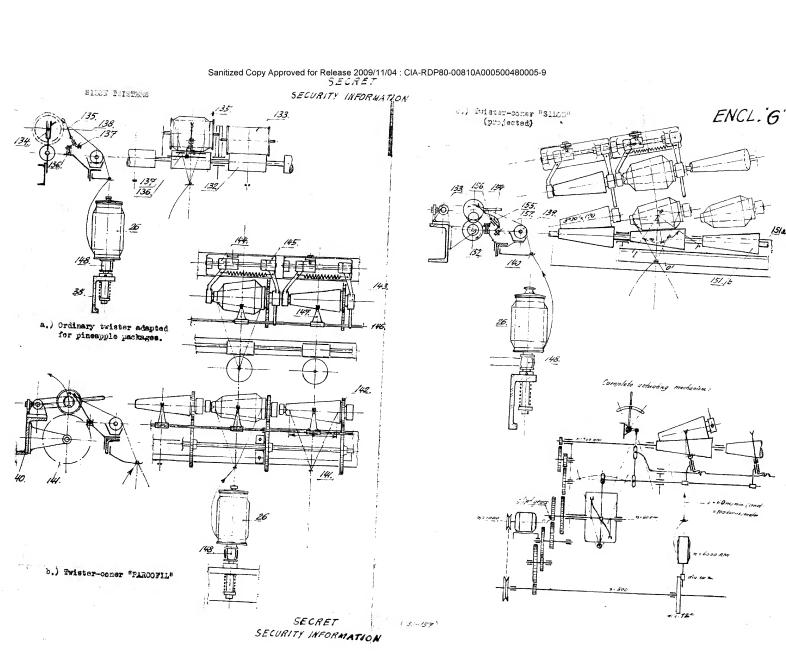
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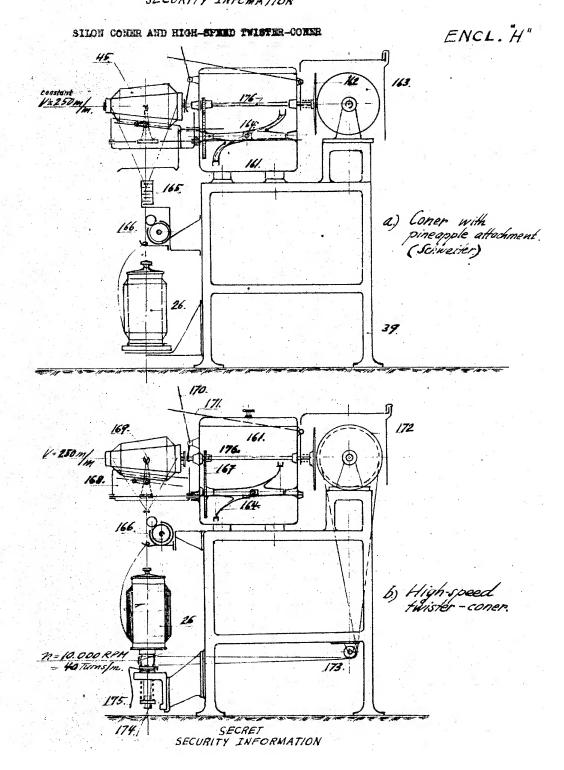
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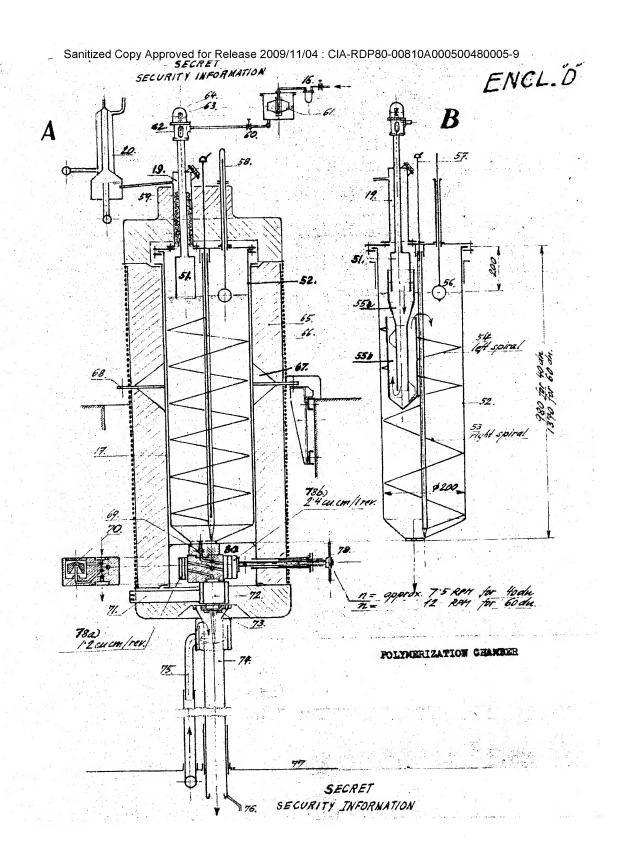


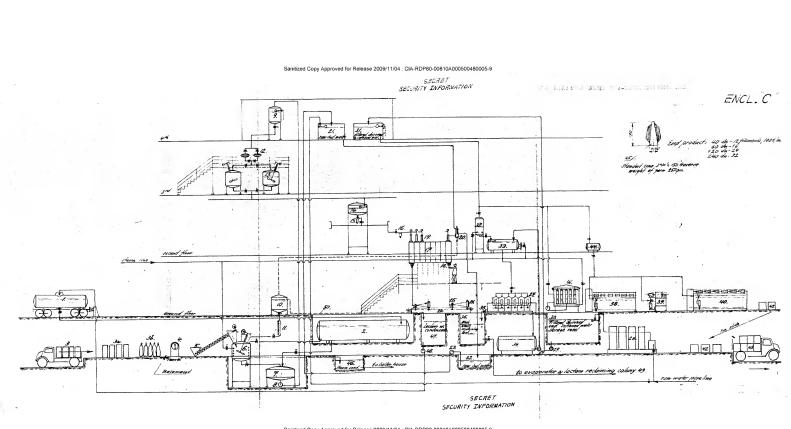
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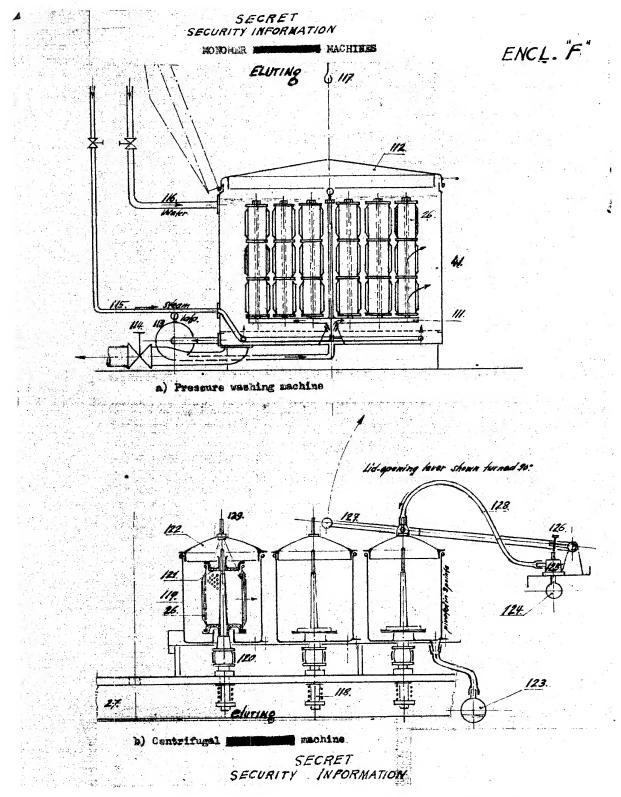




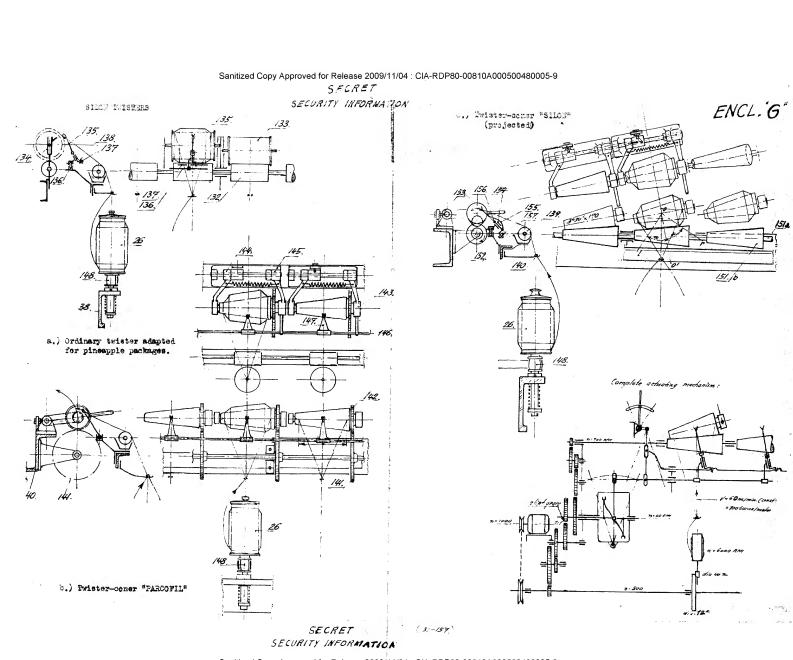
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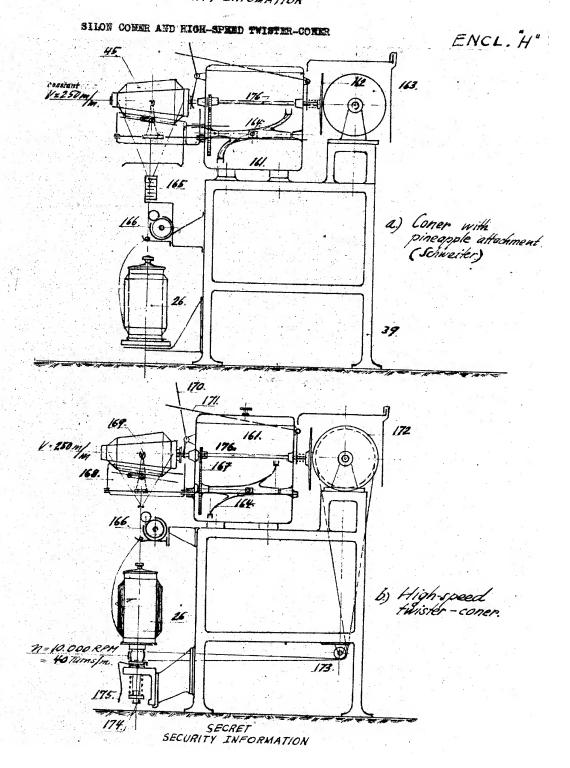


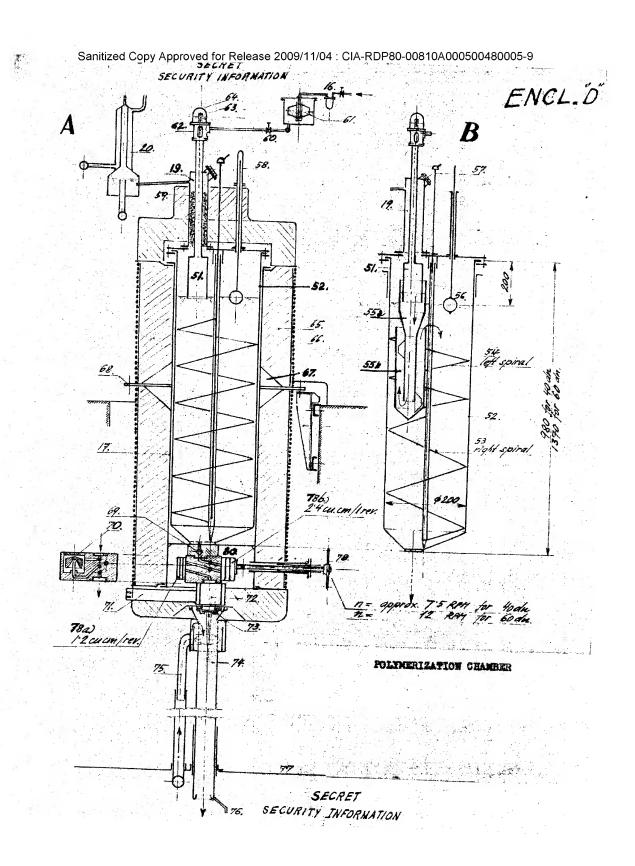
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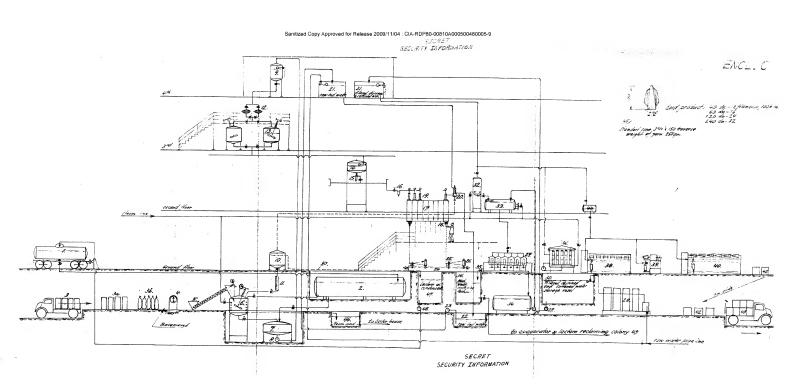


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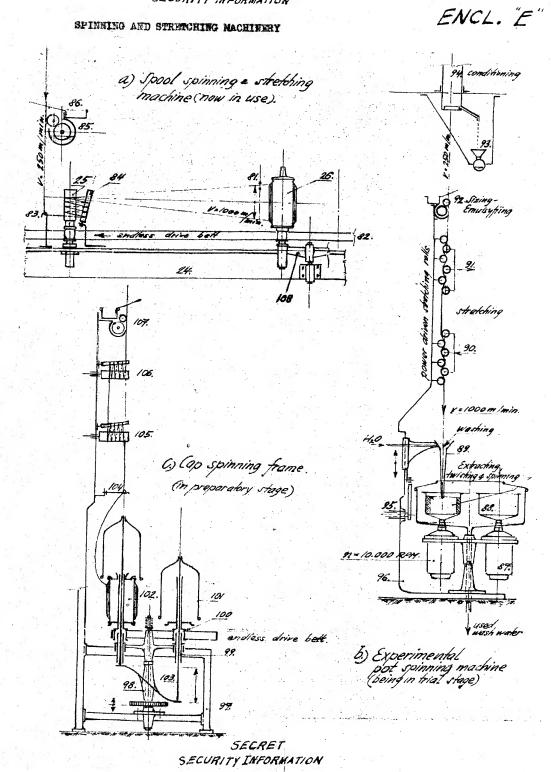
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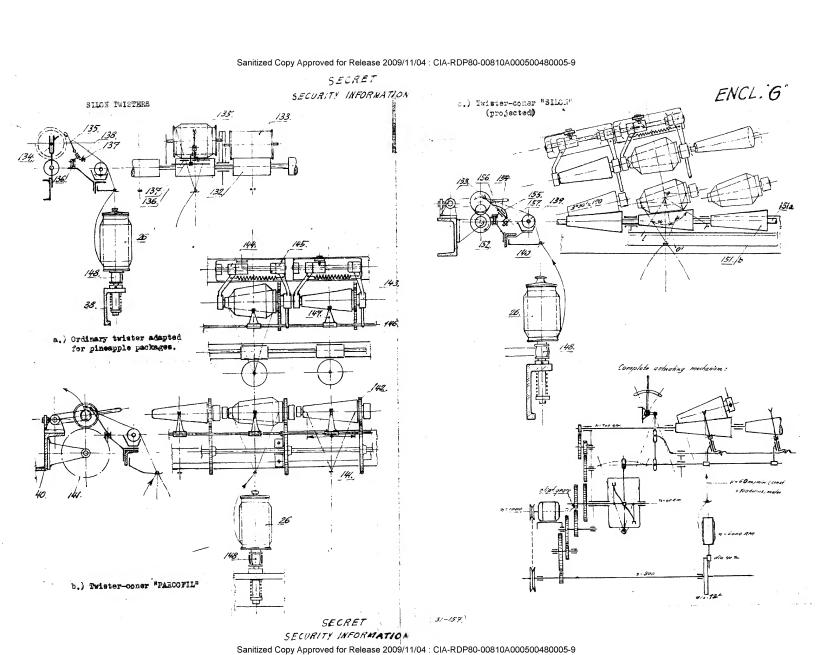




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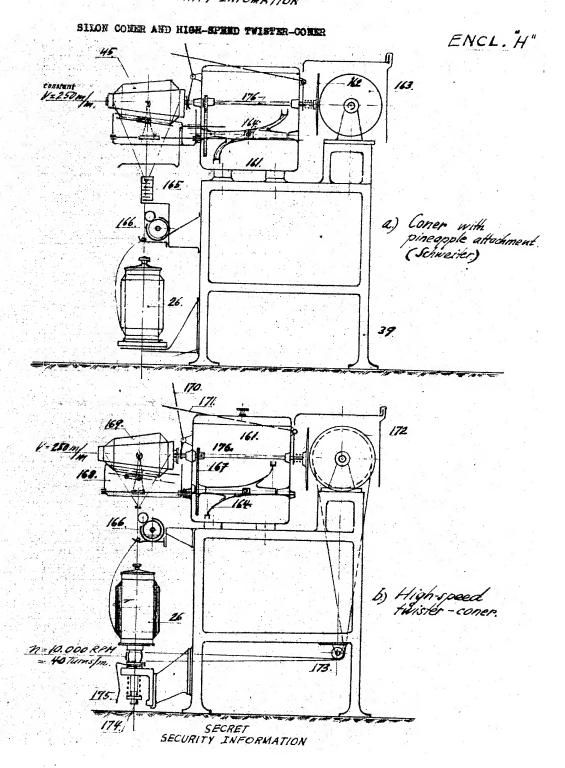
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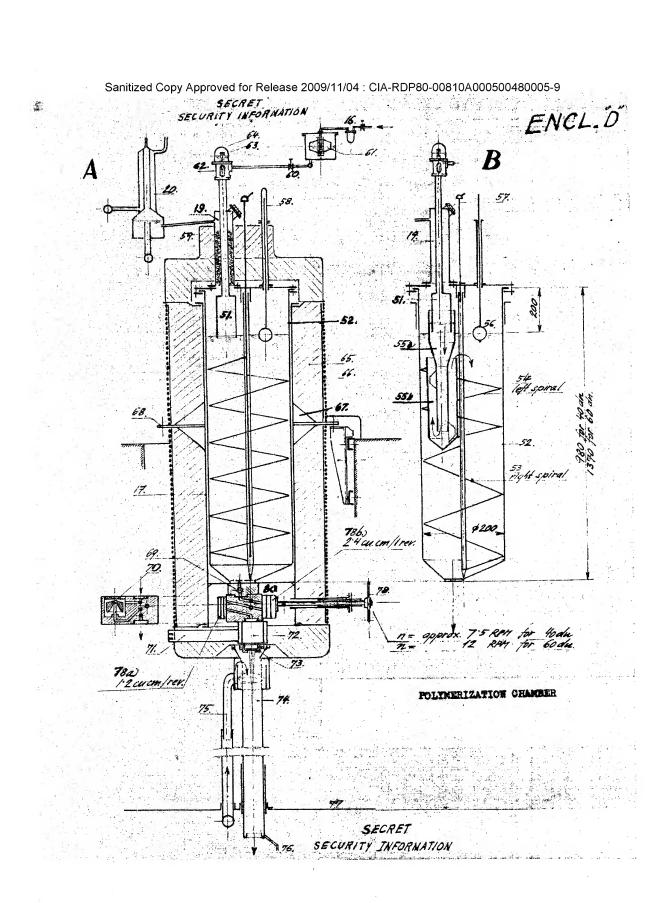


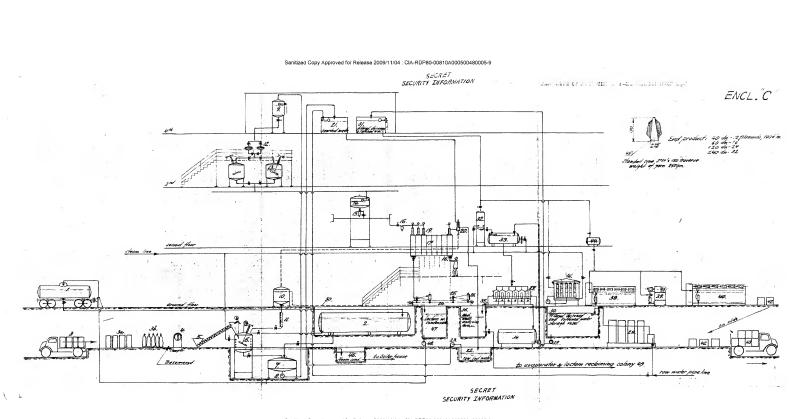
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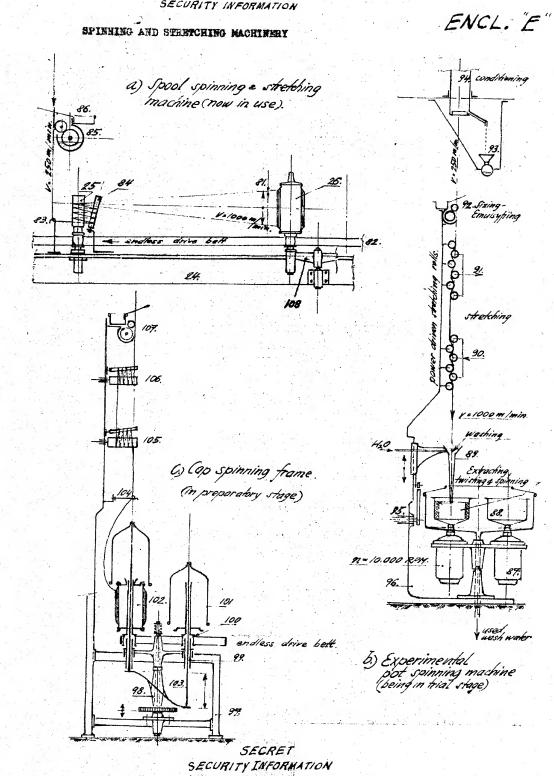


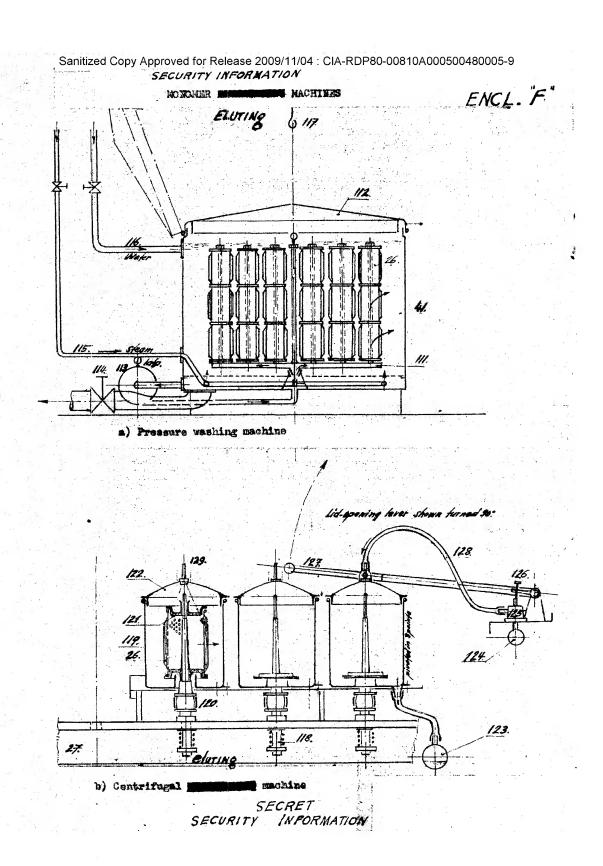


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